

## St Bernard's College: Update for Parents and Caregivers

### COVID Alert Level 4

Kia ora koutou

As you will now know the Prime Minister has announced this afternoon that the Alert Level 4 lockdown will continue until at least Tuesday night 24<sup>th</sup> August. This means that our onsite College continues to be closed for students, staff and whanau. Online learning will continue on Monday and Tuesday next week.

We have just held a Senior Leadership Team Meeting and I was informed that over 90% of our students have accessed their school *Google* account sometime over the last two days. That is great! However in some senior classes, significantly less than 90% have joined their timetabled class in **Google Meet**.

As far as possible we are trying to keep regular teaching programmes going for our seniors so please encourage your sons to join their timetabled classes next week. For our juniors work is being set by staff in **Google Classroom**. Again please encourage your sons to find and complete the work that is set for them. Remember if they are having IT issues please get them to email [byod@sbc.school.nz](mailto:byod@sbc.school.nz) We may be able to help.

We are aware that some students may not have access to a device. Again we may be able to help and we have been given permission for one or two staff to go into the College to help sort this out. Starting with our Year 13's and working down the Year levels we will be contacting families by Text to see if they need a device in order to do the required school work during the lockdown. We are hoping this process will begin over the weekend.

Lastly I would encourage you all to stay home within your bubble. We know that the Delta variant of COVID is in the wider Wellington community. We all need to try to stop it spreading. Please contact your sons Tutor teacher, Dean or one of our senior staff if there is something you need assistance with.

May God bless you all and keep us all safe.



Neal Swindells  
Acting Principal

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