

St Bernard's College: Update 6 for Parents and Caregivers

COVID Alert Level 3: 3rd September 2021

Kia ora koutou

Another school week has passed in Level 4 and Level 3 Lockdown. I hope your sons are engaging with their teachers as best they can and doing the work being provided. This is especially important for our seniors, who still need to achieve the best possible qualifications they can, in spite of the uncertain times in which we live.

We are starting to plan for the rest of this year, well aware that whatever plans we make may have to change. This letter gives parents of senior students an update of assessment dates for the rest of this year.

1. The Ministry of Education and the NZ Qualifications Authority have agreed to push back the NCEA External Exams by two weeks to give students and teachers more time to prepare. These exams are now scheduled to take place from 22nd November to 14th December.
2. This means a number of our planned events in term 4 will also change. We will publish for you a new school calendar of events once we have resumed face to face learning.
3. At St Bernard's we have decided that ***if the Wellington region returns to COVID Alert Level 2 next Wednesday 8th September, and we are allowed to resume face to face learning at school***, we will hold our senior "Derived Grade School Exams" as currently scheduled from 15th to 20th September. These exams are for Year 11, 12 and 13 students who are planning to sit NCEA external exams in November. These exams are used to see how well prepared our students are for their externals and to give us data that would be used if the actual exams could not take place for any reason, and we had to estimate grades for our students. We feel it is best to get these exams completed so students can focus on completing their internals and on preparation for the externals in late November.
4. The Year 11 MCAT Exam for our students will now be held on Tuesday 28th September and the "Derived Grade" MCAT Exam on Tuesday 14th September. So this means that all our seniors who are sitting external NCEA exams need to be getting themselves prepared now!

Kind regards



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Acting Principal.