



21 February 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week sees our first full week of school and a greater sense of routine for the boarders. Many academic assessments are underway, along with a multitude of co-curricular activities.

Covid-19

In the past 24 hours, we have had 4 boarders test positive for Covid-19. These students were immediately isolated and have now gone home or are in the process of going home. At our full morning House meetings, boarders have been reminded of good Covid-19 hygiene practices.

Below is the Bruce House process for dealing with Covid-19:

- If your child is at home and has ANY Covid like symptoms, please administer a RATS before returning them to Bruce House.
- If your child tests positive, they are expected to stay at home for the 7-day isolation period. Please notify SKC Absence that your child will NOT be attending school – skc_absence@saintkentigern.com
- If your child develops symptoms whilst at Bruce House, they must inform duty staff and a RATS will be administered. If a student returns a positive test, parents/ caregivers will be advised, and boarders are expected to be picked up and taken home for the 7-day isolation period.
- Please note that positive cases need to be notified to the Ministry of Health. This process is explained in the following link which also provides other useful information:
[If you have COVID-19 | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/)

These processes assist us to ensure Bruce House is a safe environment for our students and staff. I am very grateful for your support regarding this matter and the co-operation of our boarders.

Exit Weekend

Our first Bruce House Exit Weekend is fast approaching. All boarders are required to depart Bruce House on Friday 3 March, by 6pm and return on Monday 6 March, **from 5pm**. Please note that Monday 6 March is a Teacher Only Day, so this exit weekend is a long weekend for the boarders.

Stay-Back Weekend 2.0

As you are aware, due to the flooding we did not hold our annual stay-back weekend. In lieu of this we are going to hold a compulsory stay-back weekend at the end of Week 8. This will include our annual beach trip to Maraetai on Friday 24 March, followed by a day of organised events on Saturday 25 March. This will be a great weekend for all involved and will continue to enrich the boarders' connections and friendships.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact should you have any additional concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

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