

13 May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I know we will all be pleased with the announcement of moving to level 2 on Thursday 14 May.

On Tuesday David Hodge, HOSK, put a detailed communication out with regard to our start up. My purpose in this letter is to clarify a few key points that are no doubt on the top of your mind:

- School resumes for students on Monday 18 May. Normal times.
- Buses will be running as per normal times and routes.
- Staff will be on site from Thursday 14 May.

While there is more freedom of movement at Alert Level 2 it is up to every one of us to follow the clear guidelines provided:

https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/tables/COVID-19-alert-levels-detailed.pdf

We all need to remind our young people of how we can be safe and care about others:

- Keep your distance from other people in public.
- If you are sick, stay home. Do not come to school. Do not socialise.
- If you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline and get tested.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
- Use the sanitiser provided in the classrooms.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
- If you have been told to self-isolate, you must do so immediately.
- Keep a track of where you have been and who you have seen.

At Alert Level 2 schools are open for students to attend and **it is safe to do so**. From **Monday 18 May** we will be expecting all students to attend school other than those who have been told to self-isolate, or who have a medical condition that requires them to remain at home to continue with distance learning. If your child is sick or unable to attend for any reason let us know in the usual way through the absence text or email (skc_absence@saintkentigern.com).

Student information:

- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles and hand sanitiser to school.
- Summer or Winter uniform can be worn over the next two weeks but not a combination of both.
 If you need to purchase uniform items please view our <u>Mungos Uniform Shop OLE page</u> for online purchase order forms.
- As normal school policy we expect our students to have a high standard of grooming and will allow a two-week grace period for haircuts.
- Year 13 students who have timetabled 'study' periods 1 & 2 on Monday morning are required to be at school at 8.40am for a planned extended Tutor time.
- Year 13 students will not be able to leave campus during study or lunchtime during level 2.
- Face masks are not required, and we prefer that they are not worn, however if it makes you feel safe, it is okay to wear one.

PRESCHOOL

Parent drop of and collection of students:

The continued safety of students on our campus is of importance to us all and vehicles do pose a manageable risk.

- Students are not to be collected and/or dropped off on the round-about as this obstructs traffic flow and ensures the safety of our students.
- Students who are collected regularly by car at the end of the school day must be picked up
 from the Manor Park entrance (<u>click here to view map</u>). This is to guarantee that the main
 entrance is clear for bus departures and our Senior School students who park in the main
 carpark.

Bus information:

We are fortunate that Saint Kentigern has a very good relationship with our service provider, Howick & Eastern Buses. Howick & Eastern has been operating throughout the Lockdown and has well established cleaning processes in place and comply fully with Ministry of Education requirements.

They are cleaned twice daily. All have been fogged while in lock down and will be cleaned again before use. Any buses with air conditioning have the a/c system filters cleaned daily.

The biggest advantage for Saint Kentigern students is that only Saint Kentigern students are on the buses. This is different from other AT School buses or the public system. Therefore, we have far greater knowledge of who is on each bus and can rely on the fact that other Saint Kentigern families are being careful in their approach to students returning to School.

Winter late buses will not resume until we have a start date for co-curricular activities.

We will be maintaining high hygiene practices:

- 24-hour hand sanitiser is provided for every classroom and other major school areas.
- Midday clean of bathrooms.
- No assemblies nor chapels during the first two weeks of our return.
- No sports or co-curricular activities for the first week of our return.
- Drinking fountains will be for filling bottles only.

We are very much looking forward to being together once again.

Fides servanda est

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