



SAINT KENTIGERN

22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I do not think we could have wished for a better re-start week. Standing out the front welcoming the students back I witnessed first-hand the smiles and the genuine joy of seeing friends again. The energy and positivity in the school is palpable, and with the absence of co-curricular activities we have been able to settle back into our work. Student attendance has been excellent – higher than this time last year.

I think it is fair to say that the staff have been pleasantly surprised by the work students have done during lockdown and we have particularly noticed a high level of independence – students who have taken responsibility for their learning, embraced the time, and have pushed on.

In a few areas we have had to make course adjustments to ensure NCEA success. This is because students have not had access to workshops or specialist resources and we now have a 'time on distance' issue. Overall, staff tell me we are in good shape for successful achievement. We are continuing to reflect on, and learn from, our time with distance learning and I believe students will benefit from our increased capability with digital tools.

Queen's Birthday Weekend (Friday 29 May – Monday 1 June) – A reminder that Friday 29 May is our traditional Saint Kentigern Holiday so that families can get away if they choose. Tuesday 2 June is a normal school day (Day 1) as the planned Teacher Only Day was cancelled.

Formal Friday's – This has now commenced. Formals are to be worn every Friday during Terms 3 & 4. Thank you for efforts to sort out uniform to support this Saint Kentigern College Tradition.

A gentle reminder that you still have next week to organise winter uniform and haircuts. From Tuesday 2 June all students should be in full winter uniform and looking sharp.

Sunday House Chapels – These are not taking place at present due to the Level 2 restrictions, therefore will remain 'virtual' at this point and time. Families will receive an email with a link to the House Chapel Service prepared by the Reverend Smith. We do hope to recommence these towards the end of term.

Careers - It is with great pleasure that I introduce Hannah Williams to you. Hannah has come to us from Head of Science at Baradene College to lead our Student Futures programme. Hannah can be contacted at hannah.williams@saintkentigern.com or phone 577 0749.

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After school collection – Please remember that if you are collecting your child after school you are to meet them either at the Manor Park or Grammar School road entrances, not in the main carpark. This is to avoid congestion of the buses and senior students leaving the carpark at 3.30pm. However, you are able to use the main carpark after 4pm once the traffic has cleared.

During Level 2 no one other than staff and students are to enter the campus beyond the main carpark – including for drop offs and pick-ups from after school sport and co-curricular activities.

I wish you all a restful weekend!

Best,

Russell Brooke
College Principal

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