

23 August 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

We hope life in your 'bubble' continues to be rewarding and not too challenging. We have seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission. It is even more important that we all follow the health advice given that the Delta variant is very contagious.

As I am sure you are aware the Lockdown in Auckland has been extended to **Tuesday 31 August** (11.59pm). Therefore, we will continue to provide online learning. It is essential that all students access teaching and learning on the OLE.

Lesson attendance is recorded automatically as students' log into their individual subject/class OLE pages. If your child is unwell, please inform the absence line as usual (skc_absence@saintkentigern.com). If students encounter any ICT difficulties, please contact our ICT Service Desk directly (skc_icthelp@saintkentigern.com).

Should you have any wellbeing concerns, as we appreciate that Lockdown is not always easy, please reach out to family, friends and at the College, your Tutor, Head of House or other members of our <u>Pastoral team</u>. There are many online resources, such as <u>SchoolTV</u> which you may find helpful.

Please remember that the College and school grounds/fields remain closed at Alert Level 4.

For your information, the following major events have been cancelled at this time:

- Parents & Friends Evening (Tuesday 24 August)
- Middle School Subject Learning Conferences (Thursday 26 August)
- Big Sing National Finale Kentoris
- NZSS Winter Sports Tournament Week (Week of 30 August)
- Stark Chapel (Sunday 29 August)
- Wearable Arts Show (WAS) (Monday 30 August) *Ticket refund on hold as we hope to reschedule this event to early Term 4.*
- Year 7 & 8 AIMS Games (Week of 6 September)

With Level 4 continuing for a further week of online learning, schools have been given exemption to manage limited access for essential learning materials. This needs to be done in a structured manner. Priority tomorrow (Tuesday) is for students in Music, Art and Technology to collect essential resources. Please contact the Head of Faculty listed below to confirm that you wish to come in during that time period to collect items. You will need to wear a mask, not interact with others and keep a 2m distance. It will be a one in / one out process for those collecting resources, please be patient.

Tuesday 24 August

Music	8.30am to 10.30am	– Mary Lin <u>mary.lin@saintkentigern.com</u>
Art	11.30am to 1.30pm	- Rod Stratton rodney.stratton@saintkentigern.com
Technology	2.00pm to 4.00pm	– Miriam Slow <u>miriam.slow@saintkentigern.com</u>

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Thank you for the positive feedback we have received regarding the smooth transition to online learning. As a staff we remain fully committed to providing the best education for your child during these uncertain times.

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