



21 October 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

## Term 4, Week 1 Update

As you will probably be aware, the Government announced yesterday afternoon that secondary schools are to reopen for students in **Year 11 – 13** from **Tuesday 26 October**. This letter sets out how we will manage this process to help ensure the College continues to operate efficiently and safely for everyone who comes on our site.

Please note that senior students will complete their second week of practice examinations on site, but as is our usual practice they must only come on the campus during their exam times. However, students who do not drive are able to come on the morning bus for an afternoon exam and we will have study rooms (in Goodfellow Quad for them to revise in). An exam car park pass will not be required. Please park in the main carpark and if necessary, the gravel carpark adjacent to Bruce House.

From Week 3, senior students will return to College at normal times after the exam week has finished. We have plans in place to ensure their safety and wellbeing in line with the recently revised Covid Alert Level guidelines.

As outlined below Middle School students (Years 7 – 10) will remain at home continuing our Distance Learning programme, until further notice from the Government. (This excludes the small number of 'essential workers' students who are already attending on site as they do not have an appropriate carer at home).

## Exams

Elliot Hall and classrooms were set up for examinations in the holidays prior to the delay and the exam papers have been printed and are ready for completion. We will continue to follow the published examination schedule.

Provision will be made for students sitting both morning and afternoon exams on the same day. Students are to meet outside Elliot Hall at least **10 minutes prior** to the start of each exam session and will be directed to their examination venue.

Morning Exams commence at **8:40am** and finish at 11:40am.  
Afternoon Exams commence at **12:20pm** and finish at 3:20pm.

Please note: the small number of Year 10 students sitting a senior assessment will still need to complete these remotely. These students should contact their teachers directly.

For your information, a short video on how and what information is used to calculate derived grades will be uploaded to the OLE later today. A link to it will be in the fortnightly College newsletter tomorrow.

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## Health & Safety

- It is mandatory for all students and staff to wear masks on site and while traveling to and from school on the bus. Therefore, masks must also be worn during exams.
- Our normal morning and afternoon bus routes will be operating.
- All rooms and exam venues will be well ventilated and hand sanitiser will be available.
- Students must bring their own drink, morning tea and lunch as Saints Cafe will not be open and all drinking fountains are shut as per the Level 3 guidelines.
- Desks and toilets will be cleaned and sanitised at the completion of each exam session.
- For parents and caregivers who are collecting their child after an exam please park in the main carpark and remain in your car until your child arrives.
- The Goodfellow Centre and the Year 13 Common Room will be closed.

## Vaccinations

In line with Government health requirements all our staff are either fully vaccinated or in the process of completing this in the coming weeks. All staff are required to have also returned a negative Covid test in the last five days before returning to the campus.

If you have not already done so, we would urge all parents to please get your child vaccinated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if your child is sick please do not send them to school and let the College know in the usual way through the absence email ([skc\\_absence@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skc_absence@saintkentigern.com)).

## Uniform & Dress

Students are to wear their normal summer uniform and as noted above, attend the College only when sitting an exam. Obviously, hairstyles of students (and staff for that matter!) may have grown over Lockdown and this will not be considered a uniform issue. Neat and tidy is all we would ask. However, we do ask that all boys are clean shaven and everyone abides by our summer uniform and jewellery expectations. Girls are to have their hair tied up as per normal.

## Middle School to remain at home

Year 7 – 10 students will remain at home continuing our Distance Learning programme. As noted above the small number of students who are already attending on site will continue to be able to learn onsite. We will keep you posted on planning to reopen the Middle School as notified by the Government health response to Covid.

## Ongoing pandemic response

On Friday a voluntary and anonymous student vaccination survey will be emailed to all families. Many in our community have concerns regarding the vaccination status of our students and staff and this will provide a level of transparency.

Obviously, our Term 4 programme has been affected by the impact of this Lockdown and we will continue to adapt it accordingly.

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Finally, yesterday we had confirmation that, should it be necessary, the formal NCEA examinations (22 November –14 December) will be completed on site (even at Level 3). That reassurance is timely and appreciated by all. Our students and staff have worked hard this year, facing a number of unexpected challenges and it is important they have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned.

If you have further queries about any of the above please contact the relevant teacher, your child's Tutor or feel free to email the College reception ([reception@saintkentigern.com](mailto:reception@saintkentigern.com)) and your enquiry will be directly to the most appropriate person to assist you. As always, if your child would like further support and guidance please do reach out to their Head of House, our Counselling team or the Reverend Smith.

While I am sure these unique circumstances will pass, our goal at the College continues to be to support our students to achieve their potential and ensure their wellbeing. Wherever practical our actions have always been focused on our learners, to reduce the uncertainty and ensure their safety and health. It is a fine balancing act and we do appreciate your understanding and support. Please walk with us as we journey through the next stage of this year together.

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Yours sincerely,



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