



28 October 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

This week we continue with Distance Learning for our Middle School and Practice Examinations for our seniors. However, next week things will be different for our seniors. As you will be aware, the Government has approved the re-opening of all secondary schools in Auckland for Year 11 – 13 students. This letter outlines our return to school plan for these students for the next two weeks. Years 7 – 10 will continue with their current Distance Learning programmes.

### Week 3 & 4 Year 11-13 Plan

We believe there is benefit for students to have the opportunity to engage with their teachers on site before sitting their formal NZQA exams which commence on 22 November. During the course of this week we have reviewed our Level 3 guidelines in light of recent Government information and we are well prepared to welcome them back.

Below is the daily schedule for each year level.

#### Week 3

Monday 1 Nov (Day 4)	Years 12 & 13 only
Tuesday 2 Nov (Day 5)	Years 12 & 13 only
Wednesday 3 Nov (Day 6)	Years 11 – 13 (all Senior School Students)
Thursday 4 Nov (Day 7)	Years 11 – 13
Friday 5 Nov (Day 1)	Years 11 – 13

#### Week 4

Monday 8 Nov (Day 2)	Years 11 – 13
Tuesday 9 Nov (Day 3)	Years 11 – 13
Wednesday 10 Nov (Day 4)	Years 11 – 13
Thursday 11 Nov (Day 5)	Years 11 – 13 (Y13 leaving events from Period 4 only & <b>formal</b> uniform is to be worn).
Friday 12 Nov	Senior School on Study Leave*

\*Year 12 IB learning programme continues as normal on site.

This schedule will ensure all Senior School students have sufficient time in class to review their examination papers, to complete 'last minute' revision and receive advice from their teachers. Some specialist subject areas (Technology & Arts) will be providing workshop sessions on site for students to complete practical assessments. Individual departments will be in contact with students concerned.

This is a slight departure from the Term Calendar published earlier and we intend to have a special afternoon for our Year 13 cohort (11 November), who in their last year have missed out on the traditional end of year celebrations and functions. More details regarding the programme of the leaving events for Year 13 will be shared with them as plans are developed.

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As with all things 'Covid related', while this is our published programme currently, should either the Government direct further changes for schools, or if the level of Covid19 cases in the community were to increase significantly, we would look to amend our schedule to meet these changes to ensure the wellbeing and health and safety of our students and staff.

### **Week 5 'off site' support**

As in previous years, Senior School teachers will continue to be available in their normal class timetabled periods during Week 5 (Study Leave). This will enable individual students to contact (via email or Teams) their subject teachers to receive support and guidance and answer any specific questions students may require.

### **Attendance**

Once Senior School students return to school, we will not be continuing Distance Learning programmes for them. Should your child for whatever reason remain at home, please inform the College attendance officer by email ([skc\\_absence@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skc_absence@saintkentigern.com)). Please ensure you state your child's name, Tutor Group and reason for absence. We do appreciate that for some families a return to school at this time is not a viable option for a range of valid reasons. If your child remains at home, they will need to undertake 'self-directed' revision. Where practical and at the discretion of the classroom teacher, lessons may be 'streamed' from their laptop 'live' to Teams. However, this will be of limited use in comparison to being in class.

### **Timetable**

The normal timetable applies for our Middle School students (Distance Learning). For senior students there will be no morning roll check: school starts with **Period 1** at **8.50am** and the normal daily timetable will be followed.

Students are reminded to bring their laptops, charger and earphones (for online lessons).

### **Masks Guidelines**

Masks must be worn in the following situations:

- On school buses (eg while waiting, loading and exiting)
- In the classroom
- Waiting in corridors or confined indoor spaces
- Waiting to load the bus
- In close proximity to other students
- Walking from one lesson to the next

Masks may only be removed when:

- Outside during interval or lunchtime when students are eating or exercising only

We encourage students to bring their own hand sanitiser. However, sanitiser will be available in each classroom.

### **Food & Drink**

- We strongly recommend that students bring a packed morning tea/lunch from home.
- Students are **not** permitted to order uber eats or deliveries to the College.

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- Saints Café will be open with a limited menu for 'click and collect' by [ordering through the OLE](#) and will be charged to parents' accounts. (No cash or eftpos facilities will be open). Online orders must be made by **1.30pm** the DAY PRIOR to collection so that we can ensure that the requests can be fulfilled.
- Two different collection sites will be used to avoid gathering and queues. They are as follows:
  - Y13 from Saints Cafe
  - Y11 & 12 from Kents Café
- Drinking fountains with bottle fillers will be open to fill drink bottles only.
- Allocated outdoor eating areas:
  - Y11– Elliot Hall Quad
  - Y12 – Goodfellow Quad
  - Y13 – Saints Plaza and grass bank

Covered areas will be provided if we have a 'wet lunchtime'.

### Uniform

- Grooming – Boys are to be clean shaven. Obviously, hairstyles of students may have grown over lockdown and this will not be considered a uniform issue. Neat and tidy is all we would ask.
- Girls are to have their hair tied up as per normal.
- Summer uniform is to be worn. However, Winter uniform is acceptable if students have been unable to purchase a Summer uniform item.
- No jewellery as per uniform guidelines.

### Buses

- Buses will run as per the normal schedule (additional Middle School buses have been cancelled).
- Masks must be worn at all times including boarding and exiting the bus.

### Parking

- Main carpark and extra space adjacent to Bruce House (Gravel Carpark).
- Parking permits are not required for students.

### Bruce House

Boarding at Bruce House will re-open for Senior School students on **Sunday 31 October**. Further 'return to school' details will be provided by the Director of Boarding, Mr Piaggi, to families concerned.

### The Goodfellow Centre

The Goodfellow Centre will be re-opening to students from Monday with altered opening hours of **8.30am to 4pm** and a maximum capacity of **100 students** at any point in time. The Goodfellow Centre will operate as a quiet study space for learners. During Level 3, books and resources will not be issued to students but can be returned. We advise all students to bring their laptop charger with them to school.

### Student Vaccination Update

We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who participated in this survey. We have had just under 1700 responses within the first 24 hours. This response provides valuable data to allow us to offer reassurances to our Saint Kentigern community and make informed decisions to support our student and staff wellbeing and safety. The results show that 87% of all the students eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccination are fully vaccinated. When we combine this with the students who have received their first vaccination and likely to get their second vaccination within the next month, it brings the total up to 95%.

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With regards to our Year 11- 13 students who will be returning to school next week the results are very similar. 86% of students are fully vaccinated. Combined with the students who have received their first vaccination and are planning to receive their second within the next three weeks brings the total up to 95.7%.

### **Staff Vaccination**

Education staff (including Itinerants, Coaches, Volunteers etc) are mandated by Health Order to have at least one vaccination by 15 November 2021 and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022. Around 95% of our staff on the College campus are already fully vaccinated: 4% are on track with at least one vaccination done or booked before 15 November.

### **Closing Thought**

As Forrest Gump once said 'life is like a box of chocolates'. we are probably eating the ones we least like but I hope you will agree there are good things to come. I wish to finish by thanking all the College staff for the exceptional efforts they have made to support our students, families and one another. It is at times like these when we appreciate the strength of our community.

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