



Dear Parents & Caregivers and Students

Following the communication from the Prime Minister yesterday, the Auckland Region will remain in Alert Level 3, Step 1 for another week. This means that schools in Auckland will remain closed and Distance Learning will remain online for at least the first week of Term 4.

For our Middle School students, this means subject lessons and learning will continue online. Monday 18 October is Day 2 on the timetable.

For NCEA and Year 12 IB Diploma: students should continue to prepare for our College Practice examinations. We have the capacity to run them online via Education Perfect, Teams or the OLE in the current Covid Alert Levels. These will be held according to the <u>published schedule</u> from the 18 October – 29 October.

It is crucial for authenticity, that the student complete the work themselves and that no assistance is given by another member of the family. Any assistance or plagiarism would be a breach of NZQA rules. Further details will be sent directly to the students tomorrow.

We can reassure students that our College Practice Examinations will provide a valid and reliable set of results for Derived Grades, if for Auckland students NZQA examinations are later cancelled. It is important to note, our School Practice Examinations will support other evidence collected throughout the year. Please be confident that our assessments, learning and units of work are annually moderated by NZQA. As well as this, a number of our teachers are national markers and moderators so please feel assured that our student work will be supported and recognised appropriate and accurately.

For SAC Students (Special Assessment Conditions), we have been in communication with our Enhanced Learning team and been assured that digital assessment will support our students' needs. For students who require a 'Reader' for their examinations, our papers will provide students with Text to Speak options. Regarding our students who require a 'Writer', most of these students type their responses via a laptop and are therefore not disadvantaged. In other situations, students will be able to use the Dictate function in Microsoft Word.

For Year 13 IB Diploma: We are looking to gain permission for the students to sit their IB examinations during Alert Level 3 on site at College. Full details will be sent directly to these students next week.

Term 4, Level 3 – 'Essential Workers' Student Registration

As previously in Term 3, only students in Years 7 to Year 10, who are children of essential workers that have no other alternative care arrangements and cannot be supervised at home, are able to be registered. Students who attend will continue to follow the Distance Learning provided for all students.

If you are a parent/caregiver of a Year 7 to10 student, that requires supervision on the Pakuranga campus from Monday 18 October, then please complete the register by clicking on the link below. We require our families to complete this by **9.00am Friday 15 October.** If it is necessary, after this time please email Maree Galland (<u>maree.galland@saintkentigern.com</u>) who will confirm that your child is registered to attend. <u>Please click here to register your child/ren.</u>

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For Boys and Girls aged 3 and 4 514 Remuera Road, Remuera 1050 PO Box 28399, Remuera, Auckland 1541 Phone +64 9 520 8814 Fax +64 9 524 7657 Students registered to attend school on site must attend every day. If they are sick or unable to attend for any reason please let us know in the usual way through the absence email <u>skc_absence@saintkentigern.com</u>. Casual attendance is not permitted - only those students who register through this link will be able to attend on site.

We continue to think widely and flexibly about a range of possible scenarios and timelines as they are announced. We want the best outcomes for our students, particularly our seniors and will endeavour to work within the parameters the Government sets to achieve this.

For your information, <u>click here</u> for the Term 4 Event Calendar, obviously it is subject to change based on Alert Levels and restrictions.

We want to thank all our students, parents and staff for their patience and adaptability but more importantly, for their positivity and confidence. We need to, as I am sure you have seen the posters, 'Keep Calm and Carry On' in these unprecedented times.

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