



16 February 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have started the year well and endeavoured to keep the College as normal as possible for our students. Attendance rates have been high (96%), and it almost feels like we are back to business as usual despite the abundance of masks, outdoor gatherings, and no parents on site except for curriculum related events, such as the Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews which are being held after school this week. The COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) is designed to keep schools open enabling us to continue to offer our range of learning experiences to our students (albeit slightly adapted in some cases).

It is essential that we follow Ministry of Health advice and reinforce the necessary Health and Safety guidelines that have become the new norm. Wearing of masks, regular handwashing, ventilation and using the outdoor environment is what we do now. We are pleased with the student's response to the new 'norms'.

## Phase 2 COVID-19 Update

Late yesterday afternoon we were informed by a parent that a student at the College has tested positive for Covid. The student was not symptomatic while at school and became unwell over the weekend. They have not attended the College since last Friday 11 February. The family have acted responsibly, are isolating, and undergoing the required tests. We appreciate them informing the College as soon as they were notified of the results.

Those students who we consider at this stage as 'Close Contacts' on Friday of last week when the student had the potential to be transmissible have been advised. They are currently well but not attending College for the remainder of this week. At this stage all students and staff in the relevant classes are considered as 'Casual Contacts' as outlined in the criteria sent out by the Ministry of Education previously this Term. All parents should continue to monitor their family and if unwell please do not send your child(ren) to College and get tested as necessary.

Please refer to the COVID-19 Government web page for the most up to date information. The details below are as at mid-day today. [Close and Secondary Contact Information](#). You are a Close Contact if you have had contact with a person with COVID-19 when they were infectious.

### You are a Close Contact in the following situations.

If you live with someone who is positive.

If you have been close (within 1.5 metres) to someone who is positive:

- for more than 15 minutes **and**
- they were not wearing a mask or not wearing it properly.

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If you have had direct contact with someone who is positive. For example:

- kissing or sharing a drink bottle
- if the person coughed or sneezed directly on you.

If you spent time in an indoor space with someone who is positive for more than 1 hour **and** at least one of the following:

- they were singing, shouting, smoking, vaping, exercising, or dancing
- they were not wearing a mask, or it was not on properly
- it was poorly ventilated.

### **Secondary Contacts – if you live with a Close Contact:**

You are considered a Secondary Contact if a household member is a Close Contact and they have been asked to isolate. If you are a Secondary Contact, you may need stay at home until the Close Contact returns a negative day 5 test result. *Please note, after discussion with ARPHS, we believe that this requirement may be in the process of being amended or removed.*

If the Close Contact develops symptoms after a day 5 negative test, Secondary Contacts may need to stay home again until a further negative test result is returned.

If one or more household members of the Close Contact develop symptoms they should:

- get a test
- stay home until they get a negative test result **and**
- it has been 24 hours without symptoms.

As you are aware the Government has moved to Phase 2, and this has been highlighted in the media. The link below is from Newshub that was broadcast on Monday 14 February. For your interest the video of the news presentation explaining what Phase 2 means is here. [Newshub Click Here](#)

Below in summary are some key points provided by the Government on how Phase 2 will look as it impacts our College community.

- Isolation requirements are being decreased. A positive Covid case now must isolate for 10 days and Close Contacts for 7 days and all required testing completed.
- During Phase 2 the results of a positive PCR test will be communicated by text rather than a phone call from the Ministry of Health. The College will not be directly informed, therefore please do inform us by email, see address below, should your child(ren) receive a positive Covid result or be deemed a Close Contact.
- The College will assess the impact of positive cases and will inform Close Contacts of other students and staff as appropriate. However, it has become the family's responsibility to identify and inform any Close Contacts they may have had. As we understand it, the Ministry of Health is no longer contacting Close Contacts of all confirmed cases.

If your child(ren) feels unwell please keep them at home and advise the College of their absence in the usual manner ([skc\\_absence@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skc_absence@saintkentigern.com)). If their illness has been identified as a Covid case, please let us know.

If you need to collect your child during the school day based on Close Contact advisement, please call the College main line 09 577 0749. They should sign out as normal at Student Reception.

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Our staff are aware that an increasing number of students will therefore be unable to learn on Campus while in isolation. We continue to strengthen our hybrid learning programme and students working from home should make good use of the OLE (and Microsoft Teams) and contact their individual teachers if required.

As previously communicated should it be necessary a Year level or indeed the College may move to Distance Learning. However, currently we firmly believe it is in the best interest of students to continue to provide an on-site learning environment.

Our College **Athletics Day**, on **Thursday 17 February**, will be held as planned, with additional Health & Safety protocols in place. Sadly, this year we are unable to welcome spectators on site. Please ensure your child(ren) have their mask, House shirt and shorts, hat, sunscreen and water bottle, etc.

The impact of Covid is significant and unique for each family, if you would like support or have information you wish to share, please do contact your child(ren) Tutor or Head of House. Our Pastoral Care Team is available, and our focus continues to be the wellbeing of all within our community.

*'The wave is coming, it is up to us as to how well we surf it'...* some of us are experienced surfers while others are just beginners, we can learn together on how to ride the wave and I am sure we will eventually reach the serenity of the shoreline.

Fides servanda est.

Yours sincerely,



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