



January 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 2022. In preparation for start of school on **Tuesday 1 February** I would like to update the first day and Covid-19 information. Clearly, with the move to RED Traffic Light setting, our programmes will be impacted. As most of you will be aware all students and staff must wear a face mask while at school and travelling to and from school when on school buses. **If your child is unwell please do not allow them to attend school.** The information below is both an update and reinforcement of the beginning of year letter sent out last week, which can be found on the OLE, **[LINK HERE](#)**

First Day – Tuesday 1 February

On arrival the students are to be directed to the following places. Staff will be on hand to assist students. Tutor Teachers will meet students at the allocated venues.

Year / House Group	Venue
Year 7	Elizabeth Macfarlan Centre (EMC)
Year 8	Bruce House Tennis Turf
Year 9 Boys	Gym 1
Year 9 Girls	Gym 2
Year 10	Elliot Hall
Year 11	Chapel
Year 12	Goodfellow Quad (if raining Goodfellow Centre)
Year 13	Saints Plaza / Year 13 Common Room

At these welcome meetings students will meet their Tutor and from there move to their Tutor Group rooms where they will be provided with their timetables and important beginning of Term information. Our normal classes begin Period 3 (Day 1 of the timetable)

Prefect Commissioning Service

Unfortunately, due to the RED Covid restrictions this event has been postponed to a later date.

Covid Update

- Classroom ventilation - air purification. Saint Kentigern follows Ministry of Education guidelines on ventilation. We are in a fortunate position to have natural ventilation in our classrooms, supported by either centralised air or heat pumps to assist. Should the Ministry of Education provide guidance on air purification systems we would follow the MoE approved models and guidance.
- Additional cleaning of student bathrooms during the day, and on high touch surfaces such as door handles and stairwell bars continues to take place.
- Masks are compulsory inside and outside (unless eating or exercising) and on school transport.

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- We ask you to remind your child to follow good hygiene practices, including regular hand washing, (hand sanitiser is also available in classrooms) and any random coughs or sneezes into elbows.
- Vaccinations – please provide your child’s vaccination status updates to the College Health Centre, health@saintkentigern.com , while vaccinations are not mandated for children the information assists to provide information for the MoE should there be a case amongst our community, and for planning programmes. This information is held as private only available to the Health Centre, and Senior Leadership Team.
- We have a high vaccination rate of our students at Saint Kentigern College which provides some protection to them and those around them.
- If your child is sick please do not send them to school. You will be requested to collect them from school if they arrive unwell. This includes minor cold symptoms which cannot be distinguished from some Covid symptoms. Please contact Healthline and have your child tested if they have Covid symptoms. Current guidelines are to have them remain home until a negative test result is received and they are symptom free.

Saints and Kents Cafés

Our student cafés will be open. Covid guidelines will be applied to limit the number of students in the café at a time. Pre-ordering of lunches online by 1pm the day prior will commence from Day 2 onwards, which will allow pick up takeaway style.

Individual Photographs

On **Friday 4 February** students must be in their Formal Uniforms to have their individual portrait photos taken. Students must be well groomed, boys clean shaven and girls with correct earrings (plain studs).

NCEA & IB Results

In closing, in the midst of these challenging times it is important not to forget why we are here. We are extremely proud of our students and staff for their 2021 examination results. The IB results published in early January are our best yet, achieving two 45 top grades. On Thursday last week the NCEA results for 2021 were published and we congratulate students in the senior years for their successes. Given the unique circumstances of 2021 and the extended lockdown in Terms 3 & 4 we are thrilled to see how well our young people have performed. Further details will be provided in due course. We are proud of all our students and staff team for what was achieved in 2021.

We appreciate your continued support as together we navigate our way through the continuing Covid impacted environment. These circumstances add a layer of stress unexperienced by many before and we will continue to put the well-being of our students, staff and wider community at the forefront of our thinking and actions.

Fides servanda est, Keep the faith

Yours sincerely ,

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