

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Tonight the Prime Minister has announced that the Auckland region is to go into Alert Level 3 Lockdown from midday Wednesday 12th August 2020.

Therefore in accordance with the Prime Minister's instructions, Elim Christian College is now closed and will not be open for at least the next three days.

Only students of essential workers may attend school if there is no other way for them to be supervised during the school day. Essential workers are requested to read the attached document carefully to ensure you are fully aware of the procedures that must be in place for the school to operate in Alert Level 3.

The Executive Lead Team held a zoom meeting an hour ago or more and Chris Bethwaite BOT chairperson joined us. We feel very confident that as staff, together with our wonderful families, we can again navigate this journey exceptionally well.

Senior students may come to school in the morning to collect any art boards or equipment – laptops etc...they may require for ongoing school work at home. There is a strict timeline on this 8.00am – 10.00am. You must be in and out of your campus during this timeframe. No entry will be permitted after 10.00am. **When you arrive, please sign in at the entrance and sanitise before proceeding to your locker or classroom.**

There will be no school buses for the next three days.

Staff will prepare for online lessons but these may not be immediately available. Teachers will communicate to students via schoology and seesaw. I will continue to communicate to parents via my Principal's update on a regular basis.

I am very aware that many families may for a variety of reasons - feel anxious about this sudden change in Alert Level and as a school we want to do everything we can to work with you, are there for you and above all to encourage you. We will communicate often. If your child is experience anxiety or stress and you would like to speak with our school counsellor please use the link to make contact: <https://goo.gl/forms/jVToOZYSJoyio8nR2>

Unfortunately all planned school face to face activities like trips, teams photos, performance rehearsals, MAC cultural day are cancelled until we know more and certainly for the next three days.

You will see that we have attached the Level 3 Procedures that worked so well last time.

If you need to speak with anyone for to clarify the school situation please call Raewyn Openshaw 021 2673217.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Please do all you can to stay at home, look after those who are vulnerable and elderly and make sure you have some fun along the way!

Phil 4:7 *"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* ...We create the atmosphere for our children and our students. We may be feeling anxious and panicked, frustrated and shocked and maybe a bit fearful...it's okay to show how we feel, to share how we feel AND share who we go to in order to settle our internal atmosphere. Draw on God's peace in the storm. Your children, the students, will catch the atmosphere of calm.

Nga mihi nui

Kind regards and much aroha

Murray Burton
PRINCIPAL