



## Principal's Update Friday 28 August 2020

Kia Ora our school community

***Hold onto what is constant – your faith in Christ, your family and your connection with great friends.***

**School resumes at Level 2 Monday August 31, check start times under your campus section.** We know that Level 2 continues (subject to reviews), until Sunday 6 September.

### Alert Level 2

**“We are being ‘safe and sensible’. We will be calm, we won’t rush, we will operate with a deep and honouring respect and we will look after the most vulnerable.”**

We understand that there are different opinions on the severity of COVID and how best to keep each other safe. We encourage a healthy approach ensuring that all staff and students feel physically and emotionally safe. So we encourage safe distancing amongst adults and older students as that is where the increased risk sits. With the younger students we aim to help them have a healthy perspective and to share their feelings and be kind and respectful to those who may feel differently at this time.

Our teaching staff are geared up to share positive hopeful messages while acknowledging there are many different experiences that different families even in our own community have been through over this time.

### Details of school at Level 2

Public health requirements will be adhered to

- PPE is not required or recommended as necessary in any educational facility by the Public Health Service.
- We are displaying a QR Code poster at each campus
- Schools are not classified as gatherings and a range of events and activities can go ahead
- Wise and reasonable social distancing – students and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable. One metre can be used as a guide between adults.  
Physical distancing is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).
- Hand sanitiser at entry to classrooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms. Washing and drying hands with soap is still the most effective hygiene measure.
- Drinking fountains will be closed
- All surfaces will be disinfected and cleaned daily

- Students bring their own drink bottles
- No parents, visitors, couriers on site
- All staff will use the QR code and also manually sign in for all entries and exits
- No face to face assemblies
- If staff or students are sick, they are to stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if a doctor or health professional recommends doing so)
- School buildings will not be used by outside groups during Level 2
- Kelley Club will operate at Level 2: parents are to use the app and also sign in.
- Students do not need to wear face coverings because the risk of infection within the school environment is low. Public Health officials have advised that children under the age of 6 should not wear face coverings.
- Teachers do not need to wear face coverings at Alert Level 2. Distancing is practicable and reasonable.

## Botany Campus Restart

Welcome to everyone as we return back to onsite school this **Monday 31 August**

**8.35-9.10am:** Tutor groups – online Assembly

**9.10am:** Period 1 begins and regular timetable resumes

- **Entry:** Only Y11-13 students and staff permitted on site
- **Students:** Safe, sensible distancing at all times. Wearing of masks is optional. Late comers will be followed up by Whanau Leaders as usual.
- **Afterschool Exit:** Safe, sensible distancing at all times. Parents are to remain in their cars.
- **Students going to Dairy:** Safe, sensible distancing at all times students to sanitize on return
- **Learning Hub/Common Room:** Common sense to prevail; use hand sanitizer on entry. No food in learning hub. Microwave and kettles have been removed from common rooms.
- **International students** can come to the International office.
- **Prefects and students WL's:** to help monitor sensible distancing
- **All Classrooms:** students need to use hand sanitiser on entry and exit
- **Bathrooms:** use soap and water on exit

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

## Buses

**From the MOE:** “School transport is not included in the mandatory wearing of masks on public transport. We know who is on school transport and have good systems in place to identify potential close contacts, should there be a case. Students will also be staying away if they are unwell, vehicles will be sanitised after each school run and drivers have been asked to wear face masks”.

### **From Kiwi Coaches: When do the school bus services resume?**

**Kiwi Coaches** bus services will run to normal timetables on the **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**.

Kiwi Coaches School buses are a controlled environment where **immediate contact-tracing** can take place if required.

No card no entry on a bus.

### **What steps are you taking to keep kids safe?**

Kiwi Coaches supply hand sanitizer for students and drivers to use on every journey, and increased cleaning and sanitization practices which we are encouraging all children to continuing using this. FOGGING of all buses to ensure we eliminate all bugs.

### **What happens if a student is visibly sick while on the bus?**

If a student appears sick, the transport company will contact the school bus controller immediately.

### **Operations and Passenger Lists**

Kiwi Coaches operates their own unique ID CARD SWIPE. (TAP & TAG system) - NO CARD - NO RIDE, which allows tracking of every passenger.

THIS IS THE KIWI COACHES BUBBLE .....VERY IMPORTANT - NO CARD – NO RIDE (TAP & TAG)

**If you have any concerns in regards to your ID Swipe card please email our office: [info@kiwicoaches.co.nz](mailto:info@kiwicoaches.co.nz)**

**Or if you feel you need to talk to someone direct, telephone office 09 6365232**

Regards Katie and Calvin West

### **Sport**

**We are back into our sports trainings as of next week when we return to school.** This will provide opportunity for students to be fully prepared for when competition starts as soon as the government lifts the gathering restrictions in Auckland.

Coaches and Managers are permitted to come on site provided they follow the health and safety guidelines.

Students moving between campuses for training and travel must sign in using the QR code provided and sanitise their hands before and after each training. This will be provided.

Parents must wait in their cars to pick up students after trainings.

If you are feeling unwell at all please do not attend.

Thanks very much. Looking forward to getting the ball rolling again!

## **Upcoming Giving and Aroha Service Opportunity – ‘Nappies for Glen Innes’**

Each year we work with a truly amazing guy, Steve Farrelly to assist in even a small way with the phenomenal work he does in the more impoverished communities here in Auckland. So, when you visit the supermarket would you purchase a packet of disposable nappies for Steve’s work in Glen Innes? We will have a box in each campus on our return from lockdown and we would love to see these overflowing.

**Finally:**

What God invites us to do... ***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*** (1 Thess 5:16-18)

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever*** (1 Chron 16:34)

***Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*** (Phil 4:6-7)

It was a big relief to hear we are moving back to Alert Level 2 on Monday. Thank you once more to our parents and caregivers for the support and resilience you have shown through Alert Level 3. We really look forward to seeing all our students back on site first thing Monday morning. Have a great weekend.

*Lastly, a Tongan Proverb for you all.*

***‘Oua lau e kafo kae lau e lava’ – Stay positive and count your blessings***

This proverb reminds us to be thankful for what we have and keep moving forward.

Much aroha

Nga mihi nui

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