



## Principal's Update Monday 24 August 2020 at Level 3

Kia Ora our school community

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

### Prime Minister's Message Today

Level 3 continues until Sunday midnight. **School therefore resumes at Level 2 Monday August 31, usual start time.** We know that Level 2 continues subject to reviews, until Sunday 6 September.

Therefore, **for the remainder of this week, we will be in online learning mode** expect for those students whose parents have notified us that they are essential workers or cannot work from home.

GC remains the only campus open this week Monday – Thursday (not Friday). Parents should have already contacted [raewyn.openshaw@elim.school.nz](mailto:raewyn.openshaw@elim.school.nz) if their child will be attending. If you have change in circumstances this week, please email Raewyn now.

### Alert Level 2

- 1. Later in the week we will publish details of school at Level 2. Many will remember the appropriate measures that will be in place including:**
  - 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 already displaying a QR Code poster at each campus
  - 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 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults. Physical distancing of 2 metres 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/gatherings
  - 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
  - For those choosing to remain at home because they are vulnerable to illness, we will enable distance learning as much as is possible.
  - Kelley Club will operate at Level 2: parents are to use the app and also sign in.
2. **Key change announced today for Alert Level 2:** Face coverings are mandatory when using public transport from Monday 31 August at Alert Level 2 and above. We are awaiting confirmation on an age limit. We will update you on this when details are confirmed. Face coverings are not required in schools at any alert level. Any children, young people or teachers who wish to wear face coverings at schools may do so if they want to. They are entitled to make this decision and should not be criticised for doing so.

### This Week

I trust that distance learning interaction has progressed well today. I include the following points again:

- We once again fully empathise with you in your stay-at-home situation.
- **Communication:**
  - Regular **Principal's Updates** sent via email, Seesaw, Schoology and available on our website
  - **Classroom teachers** will communicate in accordance with what their HOD or Team Leader says, short, focused, clear and not too often.
  - **For Y11-13** Carol Pottow will issue key messages regarding NCEA
- **The continuing focus of our online delivery this time:**
  - a. Well-structured, well-paced and reasonable
  - b. Staff are indicating the times they can be reached, posting work for students to do with our online platform sessions, but not too often.
  - c. Families please take regular breaks, get some exercise, be creative, be actively offline as much as you are able.
  - d. We further want to drill down with Y11-13. Parents they may not want your help, but we do. Please do what you can to assist engagement.
  - e. We are concerned regarding any Y7-13 students who may already have poor attendance rates and be struggling in their studies. **We have staff working specifically around this.**

### Guidance for parents from our Counselling Team:

If you are struggling with supporting your young people in whatever ways they may be struggling please feel free to have a confidential chat with one of our counselling team. Contact Yvette on [Yvette.Britten@elim.school.nz](mailto:Yvette.Britten@elim.school.nz) (8-5 weekdays).

Remember the resources available in our community, along with reaching out to family, friends and church...if you need to talk, free call or text 1737 to talk to a trained counsellor. They're available day and night.

Other places that can help you if you need someone to talk to:

[Depression helpline](#): Free call [0800 111 757](tel:0800111757) or text 8681

<https://www.leva.co.nz/our-work/catchyourself>

### **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.

### **Some delightful snippets from our students:**

Portia Bethwaite's rhythm creation- congratulations Portia, keeping making the magic!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GziNZYB3ZSFtURdq2wMrEpDVDOCBkww/view?usp=sharing>

Here is a song that Sophia Harman did with her dad. He played piano and sang the harmony. Sophia sang the melody and did the drum loop on Garage Band. Enjoy!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/18dvOOsEqgTVoq\\_bb-m\\_9srVkXRWzXbpJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18dvOOsEqgTVoq_bb-m_9srVkXRWzXbpJ/view?usp=sharing)

### **Finally:**

It was a big relief to hear we are moving back to Alert Level 2 at the beginning of next week. **We look forward to welcoming all our students and staff back onsite at that time!**

Thank you once more to our parents and caregivers for the support and resilience you have shown through Alert Level 3.

**“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.”**

Much aroha

Nga mihi nui

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