



9 May 2023

Kia Ora one and all

Welcome home to our Taiwan and Cambodia senior student trips!

I write regarding **(1) Strike Notification (2) Measles (3) International Homestays at MAC (4) weather events and (5) lost property**

Strike Action: Here are our decisions regarding the **all day strike this Thursday 11 May:**

As with all other strike days, we as a school will remain open on two campuses Golflands and Mt Albert. We regret having to close Botany Campus but we just do not have the staff or the relievers to keep teaching and learning going.

We ask non-union teachers at BC to travel to GC/MAC to teach on that day and we appreciate their willingness to do this.

We also recognise the right and the commitment of our union members to proceed with the planned action.

Measles - A message from Public Health: Measles is highly infectious and babies, young children and non-immune pregnant women are vulnerable to serious illness.

Many older secondary students and young teachers may have missed out on MMR vaccination. Please prepare for measles as there will be more imported cases.

- Staff members born after 1969 are to check they have **proof** of two MMR vaccinations or having had measles. Staff will need proof to avoid quarantine if they are exposed to the virus. Additional MMR vaccinations are free of charge.
- Please remind parents and caregivers that children and young people should have two MMR vaccinations to avoid disruption to their education.
- Vaccination records are in the Wellchild/Plunket book or ask your doctor.
- If we have a case of measles at our school, Public Health will work with you to decide who will need to stay home because they are not immune.

International Homestays at MAC: parents of our Mt Albert Campus - it's incredible for us as a school to have so many international students wanting a place. Have you ever had the wonderful opportunity to host a short-term international student? Currently we have excellent students wishing to join MAC for 4 weeks through to one full term. It is an amazing cultural interaction experience for you as a family and for the international student. The homestay fee ensures any costs you have are well met. We need your help and our International Dept look forward to hearing from you: international@elim.school.nz

Lost Property: once again the numbers of lost and unclaimed uniform items is mounting. All items your child wears must be named. We implore you to check this and act immediately. It is heart breaking to see the loss and completely devastating to see items just sit there and no one comes looking. Please help and by doing this, help yourself too.

Weather Events: yet again Tamaki Makaurau is being subjected to extreme weather - a deluge of rain. We are here to support you and if you feel less than safe getting to and from school in weather such as we have had today (Tuesday) please let us know. The majority of students will have some revision, or practice to do if staying home. We will always do our best to stay open and exercise discernment, use of accurate information followed by wise decision making. Please stay safe everyone.

Go our Y9/10 MAC Sports Camp Team. We hope it isn't as wet in Matamata! Shall we bring a truck down for all the trophies? Do have a superb week of great competition.

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Regards

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