

March 17, 2020



Kia ora koutou,

I write to keep you up to date with information and further procedures we have put in place to best support the health, safety and well-being of our students, staff and community.

Assemblies

All large school gatherings such as assemblies will not take place from today. This will continue until further notice. Students are to arrive at school each morning as usual, and go to their form classes for Form Time at the usual time of 8:40am.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening, set for next Tuesday evening, has been postponed. A new date will be confirmed as soon as we are able.

NO School Closure at this point

Please be advised that there have been **NO** confirmed plans from the Ministry of Education to close any school in New Zealand at present. I understand that the media may be sending mixed messages about this.

There may be queries from teachers or other members of staff in regard to device and WiFi accessibility for our students. Please rest assured that this is happening in all schools and is only for us to gain a deeper understanding of the impact that a possible closure may have on our families.

At present we have had no direction from the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Health in regards to closing our College, and intend to carry on as normally as possible.

Sports Events/Other out of school activities

All planned out of school activities are being assessed on a case by case basis. We are in constant contact with our providers and are making decisions based on Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health advice and what is best for our students, staff and wider community.

Cancellation of Polyfest

Due to the cancellation of this years Polyfest event, we are currently devising a plan to ensure all eligible students are given an opportunity to be assessed for their NCEA credits. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Continued Care

Please reinforce with your daughters that the best active 'thing' they can do is to continue to practice good hygiene:

- Washing of hands
- Ensure a full water bottle is brought into school each day
- Washing of hands
- NOT sharing drink bottles or food
- Washing of hands
- Coughing into elbows
- Washing of hands
- Using tissues and then discarding in the bin properly
- Washing of hands
- Avoiding body contact eg shaking hands, hugging, hongi etc.

We will continue to update you as more information comes to us.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann

Principal