

## St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui 28/02/2021



Kia ora whānau,

With the announcement last night from our Prime Minister that we are in Alert Level 3 this week, we return to our distance learning programme for all students this week. There will be an impact on our school and community, including many events planned over the next couple of weeks. Please be assured that we will work through each situation as it arises, prioritising the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, students and whānau.

### Distance and Remote Learning

Your daughter will receive communication from her teachers providing guidance for their learning over the next week. This will include some online classes in timetabled class time. All students need to check their school Gmail accounts regularly for updates and information about their work. Form teachers will also organise an online form time on one form time this week. Please encourage your daughter to get up and prepare for her learning each day. Routines are particularly important in these challenging times.

### Devices and Resources

All students should have a device for their learning. If you do not have a device, please come into school tomorrow between 9am and 12pm tomorrow to collect one from the library. Please follow all health and safety instructions including scanning in using the QR code. The back gate on Pinedale Place will be open during these hours only. If you unable to collect a device from school tomorrow please contact Mr Jellyman [deputyprincipal@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:deputyprincipal@stdoms.ac.nz).

### Supervision Bubbles

We will continue to provide supervision for children whose parents need to go to work during Alert Level 3. Please contact Ms Heffernan [associateprincipal@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:associateprincipal@stdoms.ac.nz) if you require supervision for your daughter this week.

Students requiring supervision need to enter the College through the front gate and make their way to M1 in Moran Quad. Supervised students are to come in school uniform and will need to bring; lunch and morning tea, a water bottle, their device, any school work or supplies they need for the day. If your daughter is sick, please do not send them to school for this supervision.

## Student Well Being- Counselling and School Nurse

Our counselling staff are available to connect with any students requiring support over this time. Please contact our College Guidance Counsellor, Katrina Johnson [kjohnson@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:kjohnson@stdoms.ac.nz) for further assistance. Our school nurse, Rose, is also available for students and whānau, to answer any questions or worries about COVID-19 or other health matters [schoolnurse@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:schoolnurse@stdoms.ac.nz)

## St Dominic's College Mobile Phone App

Please remember to download our St Dominic's College App if you have not done so already. This is the quickest way to send information to the College community. Whānau Pānui are also available here (and on the College website). It is available for Android and Apple devices.

Search St Dominic's Catholic College from the App Store or Google Play Store and choose the one published by Com-Assist Solutions Pty Ltd.

Use the Directory button to email teachers, or click the Login button and enter your Spider Portal username and password to see information specifically relevant to you.

If you need any help logging in to the St Dominic's College App or the Spider Parent Portal, or if any of your details need updating, please email [datateam@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:datateam@stdoms.ac.nz)



## Support for families

If you or someone you know is experiencing hardship, there is support available through a range of agencies. Vinnies (St Vincent de Paul) in Auckland Central is able to provide food parcels for families.

Phone: 0800 680 090 or 09 815 6122

Email: [auckland@stvinnies.co.nz](mailto:auckland@stvinnies.co.nz)

## Feeling unwell and displaying symptoms of COVID-19?

Visit [www.healthpoint.co.nz](http://www.healthpoint.co.nz) for your closest testing station

## Some Handy website links:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

[Ministry of Health](http://www.healthpoint.co.nz)

*Loving God,*

*We pray for those who are suffering because of today's return to Covid restrictions in Aotearoa New Zealand.*

*We pray especially for those who will find this particularly difficult; the elderly, the sick and vulnerable, for families experiencing tension and for those in business.*

*We are reminded of the beautiful reflection of St Therese of Avila:*

*"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you.*

*All things are passing: God alone is changeless.*

*Patience gains all things,*

*Whoever has God wants nothing.*

*God alone suffices."*



Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann