

Wednesday 13th October

Tena koutou whanau ma - warm greetings to everyone

It is very disappointing to be stuck at Level 3 for the start of this term - I pray for a quick return to a more relaxed status.

Due to the Level 3 status, school will only be open for children of essential workers on Monday, with an Alert Level decision to be made that day for Northland to inform us about future arrangements. Please notify me directly if you have children who need to attend school on Monday because you are an essential worker AND there are no other care options available for your whanau - davidr@kcs.school.nz

School Opens - Thursday 9th September

To follow on from yesterday's message about re-starting onsite learning at school, I would like to share with you what it will 'look' like on our two campuses from Thursday onwards, and for all of the time that we are at Covid Alert Level 2.

There is quite a lot of information for me to share and much of it is taken from 'official' sites and reproduced here. The full FAQ is available here <https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/alert-level-2-faqs-for-schools-and-early-learning-centres/>

While the information below may seem a bit OTT, we want whanau to know we are committed to doing everything we can to protect our children, whanau, young people and staff, and to assist the Government to get us back to 'normal' as soon as possible.

We find in the Bible, in Romans 13, guidance from the Apostle Paul about obeying those who rule over us. He recognises that God has appointed the authorities to look after the people, and although (sadly) many governments use this power to govern in opposition to God's law, we are guided to obey our leaders in matters such as this. We are a witness to our community of the love of Christ and we are to reflect the in-dwelling Jesus through our conduct towards others.

Key Points

- Our school will open on Thursday 8th September for all students. The only exceptions are children or young people who are sick or are in isolation awaiting Covid test results.
- School buses will be running.
- Students and staff will maintain appropriate physical distancing.
- Good hygiene practices will be observed – washing and drying hands, sanitising, safe coughing and sneezing protocols.
- Rooms will be temperature controlled to maintain temperature within the recommended range of 18 to 20 degrees
- Rooms will have good ventilation.
- Mask wearing is strongly recommended for students and staff.
- Regular sanitisation and cleaning of surfaces, rooms, high contact surfaces and equipment will take place.
- School Entrance Gates will be closed to vehicles. If parents are dropping students off at the gate, they do not need to contact trace (unless they enter the school grounds. For safety purposes we will designate a 'Drop-off' area at the Waimate Campus inside the gates.
- All visitors to the school will be required to sign in and out with the Sing-in App or filling in the Contact Tracing Register at the office counter.
- Visitors to school will not be given access to classrooms – whanau needing to pick children up must wait at the office for the children to be collected.

- All visitors will be advised that it is a requirement that they maintain physical distancing of 2 meters minimum.

For students and adults who are unwell there is an expectation that conversations will be held before decisions to send people home are made – this is particularly important for anyone who may have asthma, allergies, hay fever or other conditions with similar symptoms. We are advised that ...” Before a child, student or staff member is sent home, they should be feeling unwell and where relevant, there should always be a conversation with the caregiver to determine whether there is another explanation for their child's symptoms that may mean that they do not pose a risk to others and do not need to go home”.

We are thankful to be moving down the Alert Levels and ask you to join us in praying for our nation.

Covid-19 Update 6th September

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As you will have heard during this afternoons briefing by our Prime Minister, schools outside of Auckland will be open for onsite learning from Thursday onwards under Level 2 conditions. This is great news, especially for our senior students who have time pressures with their NCEA learning. As soon as I have the relevant advice from the Secretary for Education I will pass it on to you. We already have a robust plan for Level 2 procedures and will be ready to implement them from Thursday onwards to ensure the safe operation of the school.

Covid-19 Update 2nd September

Tena koutou whanau ma - warm greetings to everyone

I hope you are all well and excited to be moving down the Covid Alert Levels.

I am sending this to whanau/families who have indicated their children will be attending school because there is no ability for them to be cared for at home during Level 3. You are confirming that there are no parents/caregivers in the household during the school day because all caregivers are required to work at their work-sites.

Kaikohe Christian School staff will be onsite on Friday (tomorrow) preparing the site to receive students. School will not be open to students tomorrow, however school will be open for students on Monday for normal school hours. Staff will be onsite and ready for supervision at 8:50am through to 3:10pm.

If you are able to make alternative arrangements for your children, please get in touch so we can update our supervision rosters.

Covid-19 Update 31st August

Tena koutou whanau ma, warm greetings to everyone

Following up from yesterdays update in anticipation of Covid Alert Level 3, we need to have information about who will need to attend school once the announcement has been made.

Please use this form to indicate to us that students need to come to school because are no possible Caregiving options in your household.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTGGDRhlzWszIaX5yONZxoDIYVbSMiCTXZUbmzn-3YLB5SPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link