



COVID-19 Moving to ALERT LEVEL 2

Kiaora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Bula, Mabuhay, Annyeong, Ni hao,
Greetings to you all.

"Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen"

Moving to ALERT LEVEL 2 - Students returning

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.

Strong vigilance, good hygiene practices, coupled with the hard work our health authorities are doing to identify and support any confirmed cases and their close contacts remain important for all of us.

Just a reminder that while everyone is onsite at Alert Level 2 next week, we must adhere to key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come onsite
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so.

For those of you who might be finding things more difficult than usual, a reminder that there is a large range of support available for businesses and the community. We encourage you to go to [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) for more information, or get in touch and we will help you to find the information and support you need.

Nga mihi
Carolyn Massey
PRINCIPAL

SUPPORT

This is a challenging time for many families – high stress levels, children at home, cut off from family and friends.

If you or anyone you know wants some advice or support over this time here are some options that might be useful.

Support services that remain open:

Womens Refuge 0800REFUGE

Shine 0508 744 633

Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 797

Oranga Tamariki call centre 0508FAMILY

CADS 09 845 1818

Narcotics Anonymous 0800 628 632

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 229 6757

Lifeline 0800 543 354 or free text 4357

Youthline 0800 376 633

Samaritans 0800 726 666

Outline (LGBT) 0800 688 5463

Depression Helpline 0800 111 757

Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865

Work and Income services centres are closed, however you can apply for assistance via MyMSD or phone the contact centre on 0800 559 009.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL REGISTER

To assist with preparations for welcoming your children back to the St Joseph's Catholic School next Monday 31 August, we ask that you complete this survey enquiring whether your son or daughter is set to return to school on Monday, and their wellbeing.

Please submit your response by 8pm on, Friday 28 August.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/55KTDCY>



Level 2 procedures and protocols

Our procedures at Alert level 2 have been developed with the safety of staff and students in mind. At all times we have followed the most up to date advice from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.

The Key Principles @ ALERT LEVEL 2

- Reduce the risk of someone getting infected in the first place
- Ensure we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected
- Understand that Level 2 is not business as usual



<https://www.youtube.com/watch>

Watch our students explain protocols on Youtube



HYGIENE

Hand sanitiser is provided for every classroom - Students and staff will use this as they enter or exit the room

Additional cleaning of hard surfaces and toilets will be done at regular intervals during the day.

Drinking fountains will be turned off, children are to bring a drink bottle.

Sharing of equipment is not encouraged - students may bring their own pencil cases if they want.

ANY STAFF AND STUDENTS THAT BECOME UNWELL DURING THE DAY WILL BE SENT HOME

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK - STAY HOME

ADULTS ONSITE

As with our previous return to school after lockdown adults are not encouraged to come onsite. However; we understand that for some of our junior students particularly this may increase anxiety. If you do need to bring your child into school please maintain SOCIAL DISTANCING and scan the QR code or sign the register at your child's class.

AFTER SCHOOL

A walking school bus will gather on the turf after school and 2 teachers will lead students to the church park. Any child not collected from the church carpark by 3.10 will be bought back to school for their safety.

SJS LUNCHROOM

OPEN

The Lunch room is operating at Alert Level 2. All food safety standards are being strictly followed.

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The school bus is operating at Alert level 2

Students must wear a mask.

A register will be kept by the school

