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against  
COVID-19

# School Notice

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August



*Kia ora and Greetings,*

*I trust and hope that the first day of lockdown has treated you and your whānau well.*

*We have learnt a lot from the last 4 lockdowns, and we will use all of the learning this time.*

*Our top priorities are the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, ensuring that we support our whānau and community, and ensuring that our student's learning, especially senior students, is protected and maintained.*

### Responding to This Lockdown



Our country is currently waiting for contact tracing and genome-matching to be completed. We are all being asked to stay in place to stop the risk of Covid spreading any further while this is done.

This also means that our staff are not allowed to be at school, and we have been directed not to distribute any booklets, learning materials or devices etc yet.

By the weekend I expect that we will know whether this is only a 7-day lockdown, or whether it is going to be longer or more extensive.

This will shape everything for our school, especially with what we do to support our student's learning at home (*more details below*). If this is a short lockdown and we are going to be back in class next Wednesday, then what we do will be very different to a 3-week or longer lockdown.

Our Senior Leadership and our Heads of Faculty teams have already started planning for either scenario.



In the meantime, please do not worry about learning and classwork yet. Please focus on staying safe, and looking out for each other.

### Learning at Home

We are well aware that many students left their books and stationery at school on Tuesday afternoon. We are also currently unable to re-enter the school.

Some students, mostly Year 12's and 13's, may have their devices and/or work at home and be able to continue their learning or join in through Google classroom.



I have asked staff who have these in place to keep the current learning going, until we know what the next decisions about the lockdown are.

If this lockdown is extended (like it was in March of last year) we will be providing a full programme for all students, and will be asking for whānau support to ensure that your child completes their work.

But for the next 2 days, please focus on **'well-being at home'**.

The below QR code will open up a full list of people and places that can help if you need anything.

It is very important to us, that you and your whānau are happy and safe, and do not take unnecessary risks.



## University Applications and Scholarships Level 2 and 3 Vocational Academy



Students who are planning on engaging in **tertiary study next year**. Please use this time to complete applications to Universities and Polytechnics.

Students who are making **University Scholarship Applications**: Please be aware that the closing dates for scholarships has not changed, so all applicants are encouraged to take this time they have at home to complete their applications.

**Vocational Academy Students**, Level 2 and 3. Please check your emails regularly for information from your Course Tutors, they will give you instructions on the online learning that will take place during this lockdown.

If any student has any issues or needs assistance, please email Mr Knipe on [l.knipe@ichs.school.nz](mailto:l.knipe@ichs.school.nz)

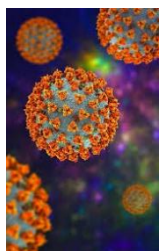
## If You Have Any Questions

Please send a direct message to our Facebook page inbox, or email us:  
[admin@ichs.school.nz](mailto:admin@ichs.school.nz).

If your question or information is urgent, please text me on 021 336 328.



## Current Cases



Learning that the current cases include mostly young people and a secondary school is a real reminder to us about the importance of doing the right things. Especially with the “delta variant”.

We have not identified any connections in the last 2-3 weeks between any of our sports teams etc, and those from Avondale College, but we are well aware of the importance of vigilance.

## Essential Workers & Those Who Have To Work

We still don't have any more information about what our school can do, but I am expecting nothing will change until next week.

As soon as we know, we will let you know how we can help.

*Stay well and stay safe. Arohanui,*



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Tumuaki • Principal