

School Notice

Wednesday 24th November

Kia ora koutou, today is a good opportunity to describe our approach to safety under Covid.



The Safety of our Students and Staff Remains our Consistent Number One Priority

I am really proud of how well our students and staff have adapted to our school's rules and expectations for keeping themselves and our school Covid Safe.

Copies of our Student Handbooks for being at school when Covid is in our community are on our website: <https://www.jchs.school.nz/student-handbook-resources/>

We know that the Covid Delta virus is in our community, and probably will be throughout NZ for many months to come.

We also know that **how we respond is EVERYTHING.**

Just as the proper use of sunscreen, hats, timings, and clothing can remove or reduce the risk of sunburn and melanoma, so can the proper use of masks, sanitiser, spacing, ventilation and the outdoors do the same for Covid.

Being vaccinated adds a whole extra protection. Because even if you or your child catch Covid, being vaccinated means that Covid it is highly unlikely to harm you or them as much.

We are maintaining the safest environment we can through providing and supporting the use of masks, sanitiser, ventilation, being outdoors, using spacing – especially when eating or drinking.

The “new normal” with Delta means that every few days someone in our school, or my or your extended whānau, church, sports club etc., will be advised that they are a contact of someone who has the virus or have been at a place of interest. Again, how our school responds at these times is everything.

At some stage in the future our school, (like the dozens of schools this has already happened in), may be notified that we have had a positive case on site. The actual risks of the virus being passed on are greatly reduced if everyday everyone is doing the right thing.

Put simply, yes, the virus may have been here, but it couldn't be passed on because everyone was doing the right things to protect themselves and each other.

The “new normal” with Delta means that from next year schools and other places will stay open. But will do so safely by the way that they do things. Because locking young people out of learning will definitely do long-term damage. I am proud of how well our school is both operating now and is prepared for the future.

Students Vaccination Register

Please remember to send your child's vaccination register information back to school.

There are sealed collecting boxes at the entrance and also the main office to put completed forms into.

If we are not advised otherwise, we have to record your child as unvaccinated.

Ngā mihi,


Grant
Grant McMillan,
Tumuaki • Principal

A photograph of a 'Special School Notice' form titled 'Student Vaccination Register'. The form has sections for 'Please Complete this form', 'Return this form to the school by Tuesday 23rd November (next Tuesday)', and 'Please Return this form to the school by Tuesday 23rd November (next Tuesday)'. It includes fields for student name, date of birth, and vaccination status.