

Announcements from the Headmaster:

March 17, 11.30am:

Dear Parents

Despite some media reports, at this stage there is no indication that schools are to be imminently shut down by the Government. However, like anything during these times this could change at any moment.

I want to reassure you that as a digital device school St Peter's is set up to be able to continue to teach our students if the time comes that students are sent home. All boys have devices, and all boys have access to the internet in their homes. Therefore our teachers have the capability to be able to deliver and mark lessons whilst also communicating with their classes via Onenote.

Yesterday the Government announced further measures banning large gatherings over 500 people (excluding schools and Universities). This has led to the cancellation of Polyfest, Maadi Cup and summer tournament events where competitors and spectators would have exceeded that number.

St Peter's number one priority is the health and safety of our students and staff, therefore we have decided to introduce further measures to reduce the risk of infection.

- The College Fair scheduled for Sunday 29th March has been cancelled for 2020.*
- all formal assemblies in the hall have been cancelled.*
- Hand sanitisers are available in every classroom. Boys are asked to use this regularly.*
- Morning Yard outside assemblies will continue but will be significantly shortened.*
- Year 9 to Year 13 House Sport has been cancelled.*
- Masses will continue as normal but have been considerably scaled back.*
- Unless advised, Sport, Music and other co-curricular activities will continue as normal.*

Additionally, effective from tomorrow, our school day will end at 2.50pm each day until the end of Term 1. This allows us to finish our day earlier than Auckland Grammar to reduce student congestion on Mountain Rd and Seccombes Rd.

All these measures will be reviewed at the end of Term 1.

Please ensure to keep your son at home if he is unwell. Regular updates are available via our website.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings

*James Bentley
Headmaster*