

## **Announcements from the Headmaster:**

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**March 23, 4.30am:**

*Dear Parents,*

*I received a number of emails on Sunday regarding why St Peter's has remained open whilst Marist College (for 72 hours) and Marist Primary (unknown) have closed temporarily.*

*Unfortunately, Marist College does have a confirmed case where a staff member has tested positive and is in isolation at home. At this time I do not know why Marist Primary has closed, but my understanding is no staff member or student has tested positive. Therefore my assumption is that this is a precautionary measure taken by the school in regards to the situation at Marist College. Both those communities have been communicated to by their respective principals.*

*Whilst we do have families across both these schools, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health have advised that there is no reason for St Peter's College to close.*

*If the time comes that St Peter's is instructed to close to students then our staff will switch to online teaching using OneNote as a tool to communicate with their classes. The school timetable would continue as normal, for example, if your son has Y10 English between 8.45am-9.25am on a Wednesday then he will be expected to be online and working on Y10 English at that time. His teacher will be online at the same time with his class. At 9.25am his Period 2 teacher Y10 Maths would be online and so on.*

*At this time we are not in a position to offer online learning to this capacity as our teachers are in classes.*

*I do appreciate this is an anxious time for families and I can assure you we are in constant communication with both the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.*

*I will continue to keep you updated.*

*Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki God's blessings*

*James Bentley  
Headmaster*