



St Patrick's College Silverstream

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Vision Statement

St Patrick's College, Silverstream is a boys' school of excellence, founded on Catholic and Marist values and traditions where students develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values which enable them to become compassionate, just and successful citizens. Our students are challenged and motivated to achieve personal excellence in an innovative learning environment enhanced by tradition, superb facilities, quality teaching and a supportive College community



Tēnā koutou katoa, Greetings everyone

This is to update you with the latest information concerning the College.

The College still remains open.

Points to note:

- The Special Catholic Character Review beginning today has been cancelled
- Boarders Mass has been cancelled
- The Weights Room is now closed
- The Swimming Pool will close today
- Ranks will still proceed under the safe distance protocols that are in place

With the announcement that New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 2 – Reduce Contact for COVID-19, people over 70 years of age and those with compromised immunity and certain existing medical conditions are asked to remain at home as much as they can from now on and avoid any non-essential travel.

Staff, children and young people in schools and early learning services are therefore asked to follow this advice.

Where possible, please encourage your staff that need to be at home to continue to support school curriculum or other school activities for example providing pastoral care by phone, marking, and lesson planning.

High risk individuals

While the majority of people who are confirmed with COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms, some individuals are at risk of more severe symptoms.

Older people, particularly those with pre-existing health problems are more likely to get severe illness and are therefore considered at risk. High risk individuals also include people with underlying medical conditions, such as:

- a compromised immune system
- liver disease
- cancer
- kidney disease
- heart disease
- diabetes mellitus

The decision to send your son to the College is the parents/caregivers. The College will respect each parent/caregivers decision.

I will provide you with further updates as this becomes available.

We have seven (7) teaching staff away today but the College is still open for instruction.

Some schools have asked for Ministry of Health information about COVID-19 in Pacific languages.

- Here is the link for information in 9 Pacific languages (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kirbati, Niue, Rotuma, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga & Tuvalu):

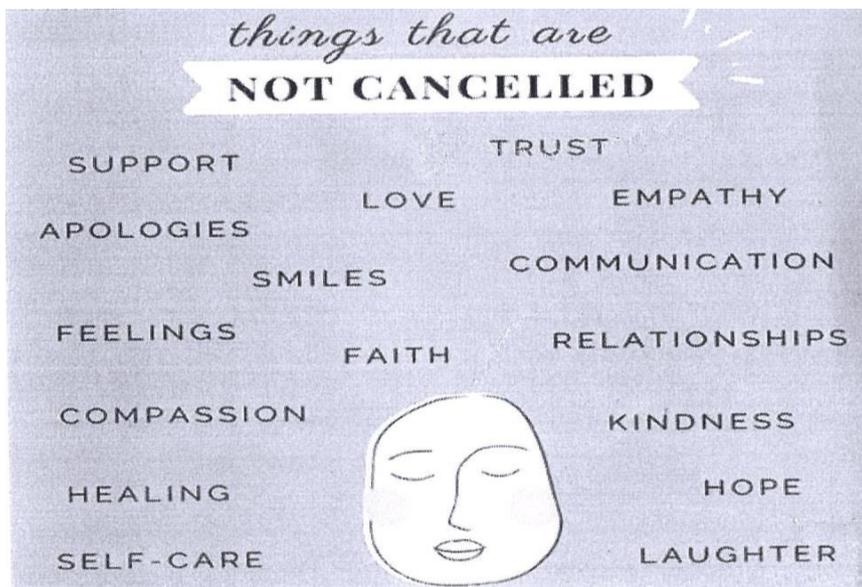
<https://www.mpp.govt.nz/pacific-people-in-nz/covid-19/>

- Here is the link for information in other languages (Te reo Māori, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Japanese, Korean, Thai, & others):

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-other-languages>

Please continue to follow guidelines set and stay safe.

I found the following on social media over the weekend and I feel it is great to stop and reflect on.



Please feel free to contact the College if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sectare Fidem
Grahame Duffy, Rector