



# 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

Hope you are all safe and well.

Yesterday afternoon our Prime Minister announced that we are moving to Alert Level 3 next Monday 27 April at 11.59pm. Over this week, sector leaders will be working to provide greater detail in what this looks like in schools.

The important thing to note is that our College, along with all schools under Alert Level 3, will not return to normal schooling.

## Government guidelines for Alert Level 3:

- Schools will be open for children up to and including Year 10
- Work and learn from home if you can. If you can, you should keep your child at home
- Physical attendance of children at schools should only be those whose parents have to return to work and who are unable to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children
- Children should be kept in their own bubbles where possible to limit exposure between children
- Children and staff who are at greater risk are asked to stay at home
- Any child or staff member who is sick must remain at home
- On Monday 11 May a decision will be made regarding Alert Level 3

The above has implications for the operation of the College at Alert Level 3. The situation is very fluid and subject to change daily. I will endeavour to keep you updated.

## Implications for the College:

The Board of Proprietors has made the decision that the Boarding School will not open under Alert Level 3. Boarder parents will have further questions but we are currently in dialogue with the Ministry of Education around Boarding Schools.

*What this means for St Patrick's College Silverstream:*

- The College is still at Alert Level 4 until Monday 27 April at 11.59pm
- Years 11, 12 and 13 students will continue with their online learning programme from home

- Year 9 and 10 students should remain at home completing their learning online unless you have indicated they need to return to school
- Junior students attending will be supervised at the College and continue with their online learning. Normal timetabled classes will not operate at Alert Level 3
- Classes will operate in bubbles of 10 and they will have the same students and supervisor/s each day. Classes could be multi-level and break-times will be staggered to avoid bubbles mixing. We expect these students to be sons of essential workers only
- Jane Hambidge, Deputy Rector, has sent out a Google form to collect the names of boys in Years 9 and 10 who will attend and this will influence decisions moving forward. Please be aware that if you attend, the decision must be made now. I have to ask staff to supervise and a student's attendance cannot just be a daily choice of convenience

As from Wednesday 29 April some staff teaching Senior subjects can meet students at the College to supply further materials for learning. Subject teachers will co-ordinate this.

There will be some questions moving forward. Please encourage your son(s) to work with their tutor teacher and subject teachers for help.

Our teachers and staff are dealing with all of the same challenges you are, whether it be their own vulnerable status, at risk family members or caring for dependents at home.

Thank you for continuing to support us with our whole community approach to confronting this pandemic so that we can continue to do the best by our students, our community and each other.

#### **Be At Peace**

*Do not look forward to what **might** happen tomorrow  
 The same everlasting Father who cares for you today  
 Will take care of you Tomorrow and every day ...  
 Either he will shield you from suffering, or  
 He give you unfailing strength to bear it  
 Be at peace then put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations  
 Remember you always rest in the palm of God's hand  
 So **be at peace***

*St Francis de Sales*

Ngā mihi

Sectare Fidem

Grahame Duffy  
 Rector