

Student Communication for Alert Level 2



MOUNT ROSKILL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



From the Principal

We are looking forward to students and staff returning to school on Monday May 18. Over the last two months everyone has lived through major upheaval and changes of routine.

It is safe to return to school. We all need to know how we will do things to keep us healthy and progress our learning. All students will be educated about MRGS hygiene protocols in form time on the first day before going to any other classes. We will focus on hygiene, cleaning of high touch surfaces and managing exactly who is on site, together with enabling comfortable physical spacing. Anyone who is sick cannot be at school.

This bulletin provides further information about our hygiene and learning practices. Please feel free to contact Associate Principals Karen Collins or Meagan Gaitau if you have any questions.

Our students have done wonderfully well during lockdown. We look forward to seeing you enjoy your return to school and excel in your learning.

Nga manaakitanga

Greg Watson
Principal

Returning to school

Students will need to get ready for school.

Key Points

- Correct uniform
- Bring your own lunch
 - Year 13s will not be allowed off site
 - Uber eats or food deliveries will not be allowed on site
- Bring your own water in a bottle
- Bring your own device
- Do not come to school if you are sick, only return to school once you are well
- Be on time
- Go straight to class when the bell rings - Monday only form period first
- You must sanitise your hands on entry to school
- You must sanitise your hands on entry to every classroom
- High contact surfaces will be regularly disinfected
- If you want to wear a mask it must be a medical mask
- Stay left in corridors
- Assemblies will not be run in the first week
- Students will have the opportunity to maintain a safe physical distance (breathing zone)
- With mutual agreement students can agree to participate in games with closer contact

Day 1 Timetable

Monday 18th May	
Change in times for FT/P1/P2 normal times from interval	
8.55	First Bell
9.00 - 9.25	Form Time - compulsory hygiene guidelines
9.25 - 10.20	Period 1
10.20 - 11.15	Period 2
11.15 - 11.40	Interval
11.40 - 12.35	Period 3
12.35 - 1.30	Period 4
1.30 - 2.10	Lunch
2.10 - 3.05	Period 5

Hygiene in the classroom

Our classrooms will play a key role in ensuring hygiene practices are carried out throughout the day. Students will be expected to sanitise their hands when entering every classroom during the day. All high touch surfaces in each classroom will be disinfected every lesson and students will be asked to help carry out this process. High touch surfaces such as handles, handrails and windowsills around the school will be regularly disinfected.

Students will need to take an active responsibility for their hygiene, particularly remembering to cough and sneeze into their elbows. Please take note of the following list which teachers have been asked to ensure happen in every lesson.

Key Points

- Classroom health and safety checklist to be strictly followed every lesson
- Students and teachers are to sanitise their hands when entering every classroom
- Students are reminded to cough and sneeze into their elbow
- All surfaces are cleaned before the end of the lesson
- Students will be seated so they are comfortably spaced
- Shared computer keypads are wiped clean at the end of each lesson
- Any equipment which is shared, should be regularly disinfected
- All handles are wiped at the end of each lesson (doors, cupboards, windows, drawers)

Break Times

Key Points

Usual areas will be open for break times

- Break times will be monitored through the usual staff duty roster
- Students are permitted to take part in games and activities
- Hygiene protocols must be followed at the end of break times - this will involve the use of hand sanitizer upon re-entry into classrooms
- Students will be able to maintain comfortable physical distancing

Teaching and Learning

We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to onsite learning. Teachers will be focussed on student engagement on site and supporting them towards their learning goals.

Key Points

- There will be no assessment during the first week back on site (week 6)
- We will continue to share digital resources through google classroom, but our main focus will be on face to face teaching
- Every student will need to bring their device for learning as we will continue to use digital teaching tools such as Google classroom
- For health and safety reasons every class roll will be completed in the first 15 minutes of the lesson so it is essential that you are on time

Bringing your own Device for Learning - BYOD

During the lockdown period all classwork has been posted online and students have been accessing their learning via digital devices. As a school we have supported a number of families by equipping students with a device. Under Alert Level 2 we are coming back on site but resources will continue to be posted online. **We require all students to bring a device for learning every day.** This includes students who have been loaned school devices over lockdown.

We can offer support for students who do not have a device but students will need to let us know on Monday May 18 so that we can arrange a loan. The number of loan devices is limited. Students requiring a device go to B1 before school, at interval or lunch time, to register for a loan device and to collect a device loan agreement form. The loan agreement is also on the school website. This needs to be signed by a parent and returned to school before a device will be allocated.

For those wishing to purchase a device Harvey Norman Mt Roskill welcomes families to come and speak to their sales consultant Rosie for any questions regarding BYOD. If you prefer not to visit the store in person you can reach her at 09 621 1500 or else email queries to

rosie.kaur@nz.harveynorman.com She is be happy to guide and assist. Harvey Norman can arrange interest free finance to families purchasing devices for learning.

NCEA

NZQA has announced an extension of the assessment year for 2020 that gives all schools and NCEA students some extra time and space to work towards their achievement goals for 2020.

- External NCEA examinations and New Zealand Scholarship examinations will be delayed so they start on 16 November instead of 6 November. Examinations will now end on 9 December instead of 2 December.
- Level 1 and 2 Visual Arts portfolios will be waived, giving students more time to complete their portfolios and teachers more time for marking
- The submission date for subjects which require students to submit a portfolio, such as Design and Visual Communication, is being extended from 28 October to 12 November 2020, giving students more time to prepare.
- The Ministry of Education and NZQA will be working with the NCEA Professional Advisory Group to address equity issues arising from the disruption. The intention is to ensure that students who reach the level of the graduate profile described in the NCEAs will be awarded their qualification this year, without being adversely impacted by disruption to their teaching and learning caused by COVID-19.
- NZQA is also consulting with Universities New Zealand on whether adjustments are needed to University Entrance, to recognise the disruption that has occurred.

Visitors to site

All visitors, including parents/caregivers, must register their details at reception on arrival. When leaving they must sign out through reception and inform the receptionist of who they have been in contact with. Under Alert Level 2 meetings with parents/caregivers should be pre arranged - please call first. When on site please follow public health measures for visitors, sanitising on arrival and maintaining a 2m distance from staff and students.

These measures are in place to ensure the safety of our school community and to enable contact tracing should a case arise.

Contact

Please feel free to contact Associate Principals Karen Collins or Meagan Gaitau if you have any questions.

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