



# MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou

With further cases confirmed yesterday, the Government announced that the whole of Auckland will move from Alert Level 1 to Alert Level 3 for 7 days from 6am this morning.

Level 3 means staying home to protect your household bubble and if you do have to go out, keep a 2-metre distance from people you don't know.

The vast majority of students at all year levels will remain at home. Only students under 14 who need to attend will be allocated a classroom for the duration of Alert Level 3. If your child needs to attend school for Monday 1 March - Friday 5 March please let us know by emailing [meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz). The Maclean Centre is closed.

Students may collect essential equipment to work at home this week. The school will be open **until noon** Monday 1 March. Students must sign in through the front office and adhere to social distancing and hygiene protocols

## Teaching and Learning

We are activating our distance learning plan. Our priority is to stay connected to you and your tamariki and to support students to keep up with their learning even though we are offsite.

**Monday March 1:** Teacher preparation day.

Students will be able to continue at home with revision and learning already underway.

**Tuesday March 2:** A full programme of online learning will commence.

Teachers will post on google classroom a daily two hour time frame each day where they are available to answer questions from students. If you want to know what your child is supposed to be doing for any of their courses ask them to show you their google classroom for that subject because that will be where the current instructions for learning will be posted.

From Tuesday 2 March all students must complete a daily attendance check-in on the Learning Hub, available from our school website: [www.mrgs.school.nz](http://www.mrgs.school.nz) via the Distance Learning link. Students also have access to our subject 'Learning Hubs', which is a website for every subject area which also has a wide array of resources to support learning <https://sites.google.com/mrgs.school.nz/mrgs-learning-hub/home>.

## Devices

The need for online learning during lockdown makes devices an important item for your child. We can use our limited resources to supply those students in genuine need. If you are struggling to provide a device AND you have a community services card, we can arrange a device to borrow using the following process. You will need to adhere to our health and safety protocols and bring to accounts:

- \$50 bond repaid to you on return of the device (Eftpos is available).
- Community services card.
- Loan agreement signed by a parent or guardian (available from Accounts).

Please contact your child's Dean if you have further questions.

Further information about purchasing devices and online learning [www.mrgs.school.nz/byod/](http://www.mrgs.school.nz/byod/)

**Assessment**

Any senior students who are concerned about assessments should know that any assessments due this week are on hold until further notice.

**Wellbeing**

Under Alert Level 3 maintaining our whānau connections remains a priority to ensure our students feel supported.

In addition to the daily attendance check-in on the Learning Hub and engaging with their subject teachers, each student will be contacted by phone this week by either a Kaiako, mentor or dean to support their learning and wellbeing.

**Student support**

Counsellors are readily available to all students during school hours. You can refer students by email [counsellors@mrqs.school.nz](mailto:counsellors@mrqs.school.nz) or encourage them to reach out via Facebook Messenger (mrgscounselling) or through Instagram by direct messaging (counsellingmrqs). All communications are confidential, unless there is an imminent risk to safety.

Students can also access the nurses on [nurses@mrqs.school.nz](mailto:nurses@mrqs.school.nz) or 021 320 021 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

For Covid-19 Health advice and information, contact Healthline 0800 358 5453. <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-3/>

**Whānau support**

Please monitor the online use of your child in group chats to ensure that they remain focused on learning and being kind.

While another lock down is disappointing, we are ready to make a smooth transition to online learning. As students return to working and learning from home, please help them with their organisation and encourage them to maintain a healthy routine by taking breaks from their study.

He waka eke noa

Greg Watson  
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