



Monday 23 August

Alert Level 4 Update

The government has confirmed that Auckland will remain at Alert Level 4 until 11.59pm on Tuesday 31 August, with a review to be held on this status Monday 30 August.

Online learning will continue until further notice. Thank you for supporting your child's learning.

Calendar information

School Holiday

Teachers and support staff have been working hard to implement online learning and connect with students to check on wellbeing. Friday 27th August was a planned School Holiday. To enable students and staff the time to focus on wellbeing there will be no formal teaching on this date.

Staff and students are encouraged to spend this day connecting with their whānau, take time to reflect and refresh for the rest of the term ahead.

Junior Report Night

The Junior Report Night was planned for Thursday and has unfortunately been cancelled. The Kaiako of your child's class, a dean or other staff member will be contacting your child this week to check in on their learning and wellbeing.

Tournament Week

School Sport NZ, in conjunction with its sport partners, regretfully announce the cancellation of all sanctioned events on its calendar through to Monday 6th September 2021. This includes all events scheduled within the Winter Tournament Week.

School Sport NZ will review the viability of future events on the School Sport NZ calendar on Wednesday 1st September, or as appropriate with changes to alert level protocols.

The MRGS Sports Department will be in contact with parents and caregivers to inform them about the process for refunding fees.

Assessment

We know that many of you and your students will have questions about possible course changes and assessments. Formal assessment and hand-ins are on hold for this week, but that does not preclude work towards those standards from continuing and we encourage our students to keep on working towards their assessments.

While the school is considering options to assist students with managing assessments, it is too soon to make firm decisions. We will be providing more clarity to families about assessment and NCEA later this week.

Distance Learning

We are delighted to see how many students are checking in to our Learning Hub and continuing to keep up with their study online.

All courses are using a learning framework template to outline the learning required for the week. That means your student should have one reference document for each of their classes to refer to for the week. That document will be posted on Google classroom and will contain links to tutorials, resources and assignments also posted on their google classroom. Any learning your students can engage with is worthwhile to ensure we don't lose momentum at this critical stage of the year.

We understand that in some instances families are sharing devices between siblings so we are not requiring students to attend online classes at set times. However, all teachers will be posting a 2 hour timeframe when they will be online to answer emails or field questions in a timely manner.

Kaiako and Mentoring

During this week, your Kaiako or a mentor will make contact with you, as a wellbeing check. They will ask you some questions about your learning and your daily attendance check-ins.

Please request any support that you need. Remember that you can contact your Kaiako, Mentor, Deans, and Counsellors during lockdown via email and your google classrooms.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

12 to 15-year-olds can be vaccinated with their family.

As mentioned by the government at the end of last week, young people aged 12–15 will be able to now join their parents or caregivers getting their vaccination, making it easier for families to get vaccinated together.

From Friday 20 August, as parents or guardians become eligible to book their own vaccine, they can also book any 12 to 15-year-olds in their family or whānau.

People who already have a booking may be able to add to an existing booking or make an additional booking for their 12 to 15-year-old.

Multi-lingual Alert Level 4 information

Our Puketāpapa Community Coordinator has shared with us some Alert Level 4 resources in several languages to remind us what we must do to stay safe and keep well during lockdown.

Please read and share with your family.

[COVID Level 4 Burmese Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Spanish Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Dari Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 English Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Swahili Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Tigrinya Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Karen Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Arabic Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Kayah Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Somali Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Tamil Information](#)

[COVID Level 4 Urdu Information](#)

Student Wellbeing

Counselling

Counsellors can be contacted by email (counsellors@mrgs.school.nz) during school hours, by Facebook Messenger (mrgscounselling) or through Instagram private chat (counsellingmrgs). All communications are confidential, unless there is an imminent risk to safety.

[Youthline](#) is available 24/7, including weekends and holidays, for people of any age.

Youthline counsellors can also be contacted via web chat on [Youthline.co.nz](https://youthline.co.nz), free text on #234, email talk@youthline.co.nz or free call on 0800-376633.

Health Clinic

Nurses are available for students from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Nurse Mobile 021 320 021 for text and phone consults (Monday - Friday) throughout the isolation period.

Nurses can book the doctor for virtual consultations as needed and students can be referred from the Health Centre to other external Health Providers as necessary.





Learning in Lockdown

For Pasifika parents and families

Kia orana, Noa'ia, Talofa lava, Mauri, Mālō e lelei, Tālofa, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atua and Mālō ni.

MoE has created an online info hub for Pasifika parents, families and communities to support learning during lockdown.

You can find it here – [Info Hub for Pasifika parents](#)

There are helpful updates on how COVID-19 impacts education and links to learning resources including:

- Quick & Easy: [Learning TV](#)
- Lockdown Friendly: [Learning Online](#)
- Pacific Specific: [Dual language resources](#)

Check our [Pasifika Info Hub](#) page for daily updates.

If you are concerned about family in Afghanistan

[Dari Translation Red Cross Info for Afghan Community](#)

If contact has been lost with family members in Afghanistan:

Contact the Restoring Family Links team via the online form on the New Zealand Red Cross website <https://www.redcross.org.nz/rfl/> or by email at familylinks@redcross.org.nz and we will call back as soon as possible.

NZ Government contacts for evacuation of family members from Afghanistan

If the family member in Afghanistan is a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand permanent resident: contact MFAT Consular Services at <https://safetravel.govt.nz/contact> by phone 0800 30 10 30 or by emailing cons@mfat.govt.nz

If the family members in Afghanistan are neither New Zealand citizens nor permanent residents: Contact Immigration New Zealand and apply for visas through the normal processes.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/>
<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/contact>

If the family member in Afghanistan has a connection to the operations of the New Zealand Defence Force in Afghanistan:

MFAT guidance regarding the eligibility for Afghan nationals who assisted the New Zealand Defence Force or other government agencies during New Zealand's deployment to Afghanistan to be considered for resettlement in New Zealand can be found here:

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/iran/new-zealand-embassy-to-islamic-republic-of-iran/eligibility-for-afghan-nationals-to-be-considered-for-resettlement-in-new-zealand/>