



28 August 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm on Tuesday 31st August. That means **we will be only be open to receive those students who have no supervision at home due to parents no longer working from home**, from Wednesday 1st September. We will start to prepare our site from Monday 30th August.

The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. At Alert Level 3 the message from Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health is clear. SCHOOL IS CLOSED except to those children who do not have any alternative supervision.

I will need to get numbers of students who will need to return to school as there is no alternative supervision for them at home. This means if parents are working or studying from home – students are to stay at home, if you can safely use grandparents etc. to supervise children – they are to stay at home. We are trying to keep our school bubble as small as possible for the safety of teachers, students and their whanau. In saying this, if you have no other option, please **email me to register your child for Alert Level 3 schooling on principal@stpiusx.school.nz by Monday 30th August at 12pm.** All other students will continue to receive online learning throughout Alert Level 3.




Level 3 at school will mean:

- School will operate from 9 till 3pm - drop off between 8.45am and 9am **NO EARLIER** as staff will not be onsite to supervise and pick up between 2.45 and 3pm.
- Parents will make no physical contact with school staff
- Students will be working with different age groups in the classroom - learning at school will NOT be the regular classroom programme
- Students will have their own seat, device and stationery
- There will be strict distancing, sanitising and hand washing routines
- The playground will remain CLOSED and there will be limited availability to play equipment due to sanitation requirements.

Learning from home information for next week will be communicated to families via email and or seesaw by your child's classroom teacher on Sunday or Monday morning.

God Bless and take care

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