



COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Thursday, April 23



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This communication is to provide you with a further update as we prepare for the move to Alert level 3 and the implications this has for secondary schooling.

A reminder to parents and guardians of young men in Years 9 and 10 – if your son is required to attend school from next Wednesday, April 29, we need you to register this information with us as soon as possible by emailing his name and form class to admin@pnbhs.school.nz. The number of students attending has implications for staffing levels, cleaning and organisational processes and school bus transport.

The advice from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education is that parents should keep their children at home if they are able to. Please note that students who are at school will be provided with supervision so that they can complete the online work provided by their teachers. However, they will not be taught in formal lessons. As per the situation for the last few weeks, the overriding principles for Alert Level 3 are stay at home and maintain physical distancing.

To assist with preparations for the partial reopening of schools the Ministry of Education has declared Tuesday, April 28, a Teacher Only Day. This time will be used for staff planning and preparation. Consequently, online teaching will not take place. Young men are encouraged to use the time to catch up on any incomplete work.

Please encourage your son to continue regularly checking his school email account and Microsoft Teams and One Note for details of work that has been set for him. After a very positive beginning to this period of remote teaching and learning, a number of teachers have reported a decline in engagement with the work set in recent days. It is important that all young men are making the best effort they can with the tasks that are set so that their learning can continue. We do appreciate that the circumstances of some young men and their families may make this difficult, but we do encourage your son to do the best he can in whatever circumstances he finds himself.

We had expected PNBHS to be represented at the annual Palmerston North Civic ANZAC service on Saturday and for all of our young men to be involved in our school ANZAC service next week. Obviously, these commemorations, one of the most important dates in our school calendar, will not be able to take place under the current circumstances. Can I please draw your attention to the New Zealand Defence Force campaign – “*This year, Anzac Day will be like no other. Let’s all #StandAtDawn — apart, but together as one.*” **Please use the following link for further information (ctrl + click or copy and paste in your web browser):** <https://www.standatdawn.com/home>

Thank you for your continuing support of your son and the school through this challenging time. Please do continue to maintain physical distancing, social connections and be kind and considerate.

Yours faithfully,

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