

St Joseph's Catholic School

Te Kura Katorika o Hato Hohepa

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday 31 August, St Joseph's School will reopen to all students at Alert Level 2. We look forward to welcoming all of our tamariki and staff back to school. Thank you once more to our parents and caregivers for the support and resilience you have shown through Alert Level 3.

With Covid-19 still in our Auckland region it is too soon to become complacent. Strong vigilance, good hygiene practices, coupled with the hard work our health authorities are doing to identify and support any confirmed cases and their close contacts remain important for all of us. Please keep your child home if they are sick.

As in last time, we will be discouraging adults coming onto our school site during Level 2. Visitors will need to use the QR app and scan a QR code poster or log into Covid Register at the gates or in reception. Teachers will be at the gates in the morning and afternoon to greet and farewell students. There will be no students on morning road patrol during Alert Level 2.

We will continue to encourage key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene (sanitising hands when entering a room) and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Bringing own water bottle (the school water fountains will be closed during Alert Level 2)

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so.

For those of you who might be finding things more difficult than usual, a reminder that there is a large range of support available for businesses and the community. We encourage you to go to [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) for more information, or get in touch and we will help you to find the information and support you need.

There may be some obvious cancelations but we will endeavour to keep school life as normal as possible. On Monday, children must bring back to school any school devices that may have been loaned to them. Returning these quickly will enable a smooth transition back into the classroom learning programme.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.
Keep well and God bless

Ursula Hall
Principal