



Principal's Update

Greetings to you all

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well.

As of this morning I have had no notification that there has been anyone in our College community testing positive for the Corona Virus.

If there ever is a positive case I will communicate this to you all immediately with the steps to be taken as per the Ministry of Health guidelines.

It is in these uncertain times that I believe that we really do rely on our Faith to provide us with strength and hope for the future.

I have been very impressed by the number of groups within the College who have already met by ZOOM meetings and are providing support for our young men's academic and pastoral needs.

We have commenced our on-line teaching and learning programmes for all Year levels and our Home Room teachers have made contact with the young men.

Our staff are planning carefully the quality of work to be sent to all of our students. We are aware that asking our young men to engage with learning tasks all day on a device is unrealistic. Short, sharp and quality learning tasks are what we have found to be most valuable.

I thank our parents who once again have been thrust into the role of Home-Schoolers while also having to maintain the many other parental responsibilities to their families. Please do not feel that you have to know the answers to any of your son's lessons, let him try complete the tasks and then ask his teacher should he need help with any work.

Under Level 4, Staff are unable to enter the College to distribute any College devices to students who may need one. The Ministry of Education is reviewing this and we may be able to enter the College by Monday to distribute devices for these students. This process as you can imagine will be done following very strict Health and Safety guidelines. Our Deans and Home Room teachers have the names of students who have indicated they require a device and students will be contacted by the College from Monday if we can provide them with one.

Please do not hesitate to contact your son's Homeroom teacher or Dean if you have any concerns about your son's on-line learning. I do ask that you do not make contact with our Staff over the weekend. This is a time for everyone in our Community to spend time with family and attend to those family activities.

For your information I have included below the contact details of organisations who are providing food packages and support in the Community.

Stay safe and well and look after one another.

God bless

M.Hogarty

Principal

FOOD BANKS

👉 Auckland Council

Aucklanders unable to afford groceries or in self-isolation with no access to other support networks can call 0800 22 22 96 between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week. Callers must meet government criteria for assistance.

👉 Salvation Army

Text your name and postcode to 4114 and a rep. will contact you within 48 hours.

👉 Presbyterian Support Northern

09 309 2054 Collections between 11am – 12pm, Monday to Friday from 8 Madeira Lane, Grafton. No walk-ins.

👉 Foodbank NZ: 022 045 8184 info@foodbank.co.nz www.foodbank.org.nz

👉 Auckland City Mission: 09 303 9200 Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 3.00pm

Contact Ian 0508 CHANGE LIVES / (0508 242 643) / 027 477 1092 / ian@sacbf.org.nz

👉 Takanini Sikh Gurudwara: Collections only. Mon–Fri, 4pm–6pm. Drive in entry gate and open your boot. Do not leave your car. Drive out through exit gate once boot has been loaded.

👉 The Fono (Pasifika only): COVID-19 Pacific Family

Package 021956633 socialservices@thefono.org 0800 366 648

