



Wesley College

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Kia Ora Whanau

Below are some key points pertaining to the start of the school year.

I can assure you we have thought long and hard about how to get the year underway and we are very confident things will go smoothly and it will be a positive experience, particularly for our new students.

Schools are **open to ALL** learners under the RED setting. Our staff have been working very hard preparing our site for the return of all our students and we have developed our 'return to school' plan.

Hygiene and distancing protocols, QR scanning are in place and considerations for mitigating risk have been discussed, reviewed, and decided upon.

- **WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY YEAR 9 CHECK IN**

- 9-10.45am **Year 9 Boarders** arrive to hostels.
No 1 Uniform to be worn.
Please ensure you are wearing a properly fitted facemask
Boarders proceed to the area outside of the Chapel by 11am
Parents are welcome to accompany their children to the hostels on this occasion.
- 11 am **Year 9 Day Students** arrive and should be present outside Chapel.
No 1 Uniform to be worn.
Please ensure you are wearing a properly fitted facemask and are socially distanced outside the Chapel.

There will be a small welcome and delivery of important information and then we require all parents to leave the school site.

Following that we have an excellent induction programme set up for our Year 9 students that will be led by our Prefects and staff.

3-5pm **Year 10-13 Boarders** check in to hostels

- **THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY**

8.20am Full school commences for all students
All students to meet down on the football field
Daily school uniform to be worn.

- The **Service of Beginnings** is **postponed** for the time being.

However, we are committed to holding this event later in the term as it has a special place in our school year.

In the interim, an outside gathering will be held to start the year and introduce our new staff and prefects. Unfortunately, this event is limited to staff and students only.

OTHER POINTS

- **Coming Onsite:** Parents/caregivers and non-essential personnel are asked not to be on site unless for a specific reason. If you are onsite, please wear a properly fitted facemask and follow signing in, QR scanning and distancing protocols.
- **Facemasks:** Students will be required to wear properly fitted face masks inside all school buildings.
- **Morning Chapel:** As you know Chapel every morning is the key part of our school life. While we cannot hold this inside, we have plans to hold open air Chapel several times a week.
- **School stationery** lists are available on the school website www.wesley.school.nz under the students tab.
- **Sick/Unwell:** Please contact the school immediately if your child(ren) is required to remain home from school as per public health orders or if they are **unwell**.
- **If a student in the hostel becomes unwell**, we cannot isolate students at school during the term of any infection. Therefore, arrangements will need to be made by you to pick them up as soon as possible. We will isolate them until you or an agreed family member arrives.

For students who normally reside outside of the Auckland area you may arrange for another family member to the school to collect your son/daughter if they become unwell. Please let us know who will be collecting your child.

For students who reside within the Auckland area please let us know as soon as possible if you cannot pick your child up and we will plan to ensure they are safely returned home.

We are hoping to ensure the start of year runs as smoothly as possible, and more importantly that all students enjoy a structured and positive return to school.

In terms of the first few days, this will look a little different this year as we are required to limit access to our site.

- **Year 9 Camp:** At this time, we are still planning for this event to go ahead. We will be the only school using the camp site at the time.

Further information around the hostel operation will follow.

As always, please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

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