



NEWSLETTER

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Selwyn College Reopens on Tuesday 1st September

Important Information for Our School Community



When we return on Tuesday, we will be applying the two overarching health control measures– minimising the risk that someone gets infected and supporting contact tracing.

Minimising the Risk that Someone gets Infected

If your student is unwell – no matter how slightly – they must stay at home. If they arrive at school, we will contact you and send them home immediately!

We will be observing all health and safety guidelines, such as requiring hand-washing or sanitising before every lesson plus the thorough cleaning of equipment. We have doubled the number of daily hours our cleaning contractors are working every day.

We will also be reminding students about how they are to apply the physical distancing requirement of not breathing on or touching each other or a staff member.

Contact Tracing Requirements

Students

Contact tracing of students is managed through class lists and marking attendance every period. It is critical that parents notify us promptly when a student is absent from school.

Parents and Visitors

We also need to manage contact tracing of school visitors.

- **The school buildings will only be open to visitors on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 – 9.30am.**
- Please avoid coming into school if at all possible. If it is essential, you must use the main door into the foyer and follow the 2m distance markings on the floor.
- Scan the school's QR code with your phone and also sign in on our electronic device. You will receive a bar code which you must wear. You cannot access the Student Office without wearing this bar code.
- Should you have to bring in something for your student, it must be clearly marked with their name and year level and be left at the main office.

Face Covering Guidelines from the Ministry of Education

Students aged 12 and above are **required** to wear a face covering when on **public** transport.

However, students are **not required** to wear face coverings on **school** transport. This is because we know who is on those buses. Vehicles will be sanitised after each run and drivers will wear face masks.

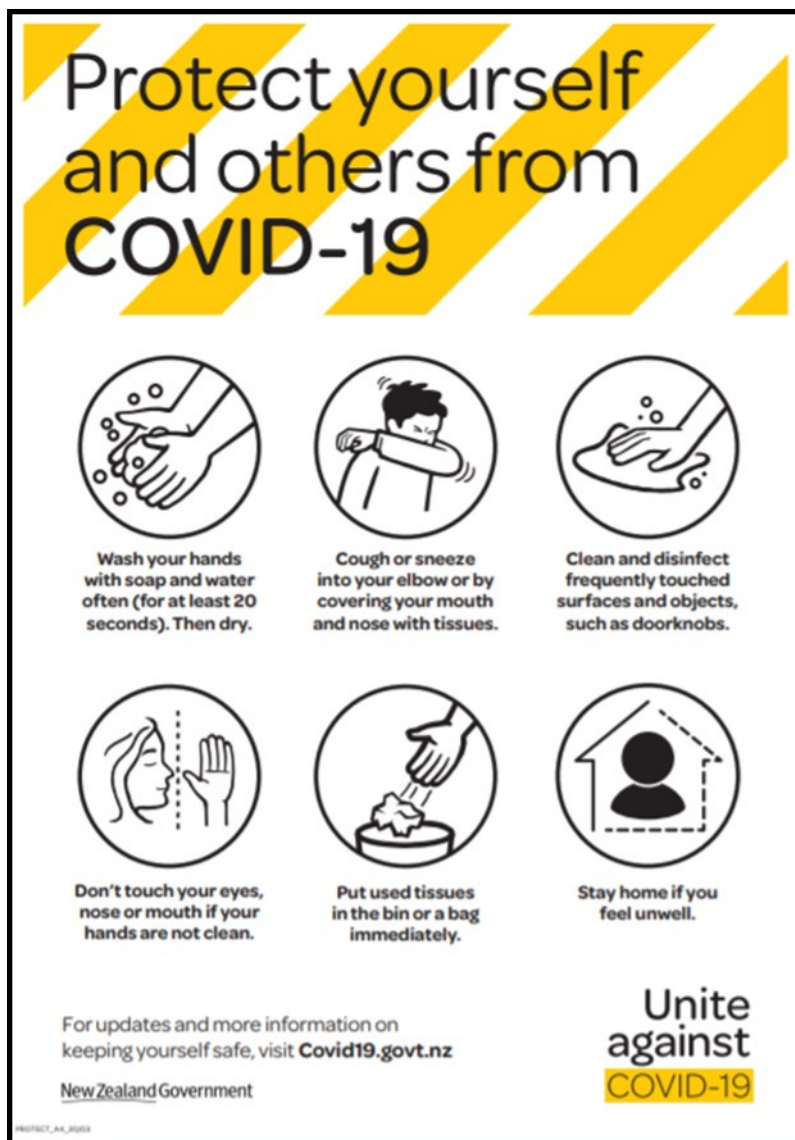
Students may wear face masks at school if they wish to but they are not required to.

Full Drink Bottles

We strongly advise students to bring a full drink bottle to school because the fountains are turned off in Alert Level 2.

HOP Cards

We are encouraging students to register their AT HOP card as it makes contact tracing easier. Furthermore, having an up-to-date contact phone number will make contact tracing faster. Go to at.govt.nz and log in to update your details.



A High Standard at the Year 11 Speech Competition

Our 2020 Year 11 Speech competition was held recently and the standard of our students' speeches keeps getting better every year. The speeches delivered by the finalists showed every one of them are Soaring. A variety of topics were tackled including why we need to remove the stigma still associated with mental health, how education opens doors to opportunities, the corrosive effect racism can have, why criticism is important for our growth, and the importance of working together towards a common goal.

The first placed speaker was Molly Mayers, second was Kiyara Kapilaratne and the third placed speaker was Maynian Galvan-Wilkinson. Congratulations to our winners and well done to all our finalists.



Left to right: Maynian Galvan-Wilkinson, Kiyara Kapilaratne and Molly Mayers

Congratulations Brook and William Bennett

We are thrilled to share with our community the news that Brook and William Bennett are recipients of the International Order of St John Grand Prior's Award. They were presented their awards by The Governor-General of New Zealand, The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy at Government House.

Brook and William have now completed their Youth training and will proceed to train as Cadet Leaders. Brook is being promoted to Section Non Commissioned Officer and William to the rank of Sergeant.

Huge congratulations to both students.



Left to right: William Bennett, Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy and Brook Bennett

A Parent Online Facebook Competition

Auckland Transport wants to encourage parents to start conversations with their teens on the steps to gaining their full licence. Hence they are launching this competition which is only live until Monday 31st August.

Enter the parent competition by clicking on:

<https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/your-teenager-and-driving/>

You will answer a short quiz and go in the draw to win. There are four prizes up for grabs – each winner will receive 3 x free driving lessons through the AA. Parents will also be directed to further information on the driver licensing process and be able to register their teen for the online driver licence sessions.

You can also have your teen register for AT's online support session below:

Learner Licence <https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/learner-driver-licence-workshops/>

Restricted Licence <https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/restricted-driver-licence-workshops/>