

## Principal's Message

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This newsletter has information to help everyone organise themselves for school to start up on Monday. Much of this information was also covered in today's PPTV episode we hope the students watched this morning.

At 8:35am on Monday, **Year 8 students** meet on the basketball court (with physical distancing) for some quick messages from the Deputy Principal and myself. They will then be with their Form Teacher for the morning in a welcome back and well-being programme.

For **Year 7 students**, they make their way to their form-class where their form teacher will be waiting for them at 8:30am as usual and will start the well-being programme. Later in the morning they will get the messages from the D.P and myself.

Perhaps you can help us and discuss the fact that there will be a lot of reminders about hand hygiene and maintaining a "personal space". The Ponsonby staff will be using the term "*personal bubble*".

Right from the start of this Covid crisis we have reassured students that the amount of Remote Learning they participated in will not affect the planned programmes that will start back up here on Monday. This message will be repeated.

As well as regular hand hygiene (hand washing, and use of sanitiser) students may also be asked to wipe down devices and equipment themselves. Students bringing their own device is encouraged and normal BYOD guidelines apply.

The school Tuckshop will be open. Students are encouraged to bring a full water bottle each day. The drinking fountains may not be in use.

**Bus Services** – Information on bus services for students continues to change daily. The school is required to keep a register of students using bus services. Here is some recent information we received from AT Travelwise:

- HOP Card use only - no cash
- Enter and exit through back door
- Physical distancing measures on school buses will be different from public transport, but there will be no standing on buses. Parents are recommended to stay at the bus

stop to ensure the bus has enough room for their child. Also have a transport or route alternative.

- Children to sanitise hands before getting on the bus and after using the bus (the school will ensure this as they leave class at the end of the day).
- Vehicle cleaning is undertaken in accordance with MOH Guidelines

I know most students use the Auckland Transport app, it should be fairly helpful.

*Finally*, at Alert Level 2, parents are not encouraged to visit the school grounds. If you do need to come in please make sure you sign in through the school office. This will also apply (once up and running) to Netball coaches, guidance meetings etc...

Regards,

**Nick Wilson**  
**Principal**

## Health and Safety at Alert Level 2

For Students	For Parents/Caregivers
<p>Students are to enter school grounds as soon as you arrive either by bus, car or any other form of transport</p> <p>Students will arrive and exit the school through the same gate you usually entered before lockdown</p> <p>Students are expected to regularly wash hands throughout the day from set up wash stations and within school bathrooms</p> <p>Students will wait/line up outside bathrooms for available toilets (not inside the toilet block)</p> <p>Students use hand sanitizer when entering each class area</p> <p>Students will stick to their own personal bubble space and give classmates appropriate space in and out of the classroom where 1m is not possible</p> <p>Students will go straight to their form class on arrival at school and are expected to leave the school grounds at 3:05pm</p> <p>Students will bring their own water bottle to school as water fountains may be closed</p> <p>No touching such as handshakes or high fives</p>	<p>Parents must notify the school if your child is NOT attending school. <a href="mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz">office@ponsint.school.nz</a> and complete the form</p> <p>Your child can not attend school during alert level 2 if they have had contact with a suspected COVID 19 case or from someone overseas</p> <p>Or if they are sick, especially if they have any cold or flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, runny nose or cough</p> <p>Parents who enter the school property must sign in at the front office (Clarence Street) keeping to the 2 metre distancing rule</p> <p>If possible, we would prefer your child arrive at school as close to 8:30am. They are to go straight to their form class on arrival</p> <p>Water fountains may still be closed, please encourage your child to bring their own water bottle</p>