

Principal's Message

Like me, I am sure you have followed with interest the announcements made by the Prime Minister.

It is reassuring to hear how well our country has done at minimising the impacts of COVID-19. Alert Levels 4 and 3 have not been easy and I thank you for your ongoing support for the work we are doing.

The Prime Minister advised that in Alert Level 2 schools are open for all students.

The good news is that Ponsonby has been working through plans and we will be ready to welcome all students and staff back to our school on Monday 18 May. Our Level 3 programme was very effective and has placed the Health and Safety team in a good place to make the Ponsonby Experience safe for all from Monday.

I need all parents to follow these 2 next steps please:

- **Read and accept the Level 2 Guidelines below (the green and blue safety rules)**
- **Complete this survey <https://forms.gle/4roMAcnG2fnfaijy8> indicating whether your child/children will return to school in Level 2**

On Friday we will send out more information about what students need to know in preparation for Monday, these messages will also be included in the Assembly/PPTV episode we expect students to watch on Friday mornings.

Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

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. office@ponsint.school.nz 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>