

COVID 19 – Update 5 – 16.03

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In light of the current government's direction about COVID-19 and the information received from the Ministry of Education & Ministry of Health the following information is **important**.

Three new confirmed cases were announced this weekend taking the total confirmed cases for New Zealand to eight. We have been advised that these cases are not connected with any schools or early learning services and that they are doing well and two are self-isolating at home/hotel with one being treated in hospital.

Travelling:

The Government has said that those in New Zealand thinking about traveling overseas, should avoid all non-essential travel at this time.

Therefore if you have applied for and been granted leave this term or/and the holidays, our office staff will be in contact to check whether you are still intending to travel. If so, you will then be required under law to self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school/work.

Possible Closure of Schools:

The Ministry of Education has asked us to ask our community the following 2 questions. These questions will be important for us to ensure, that if we were directed to close, our children are able to continue with their learning, online, at home.

Please respond to these questions immediately. The Ministry require a response by tomorrow. Please reply to this email - office@marist.school.nz

Q1. Do you have internet access at home for the continuation of your child's learning?

Q2. Does your child have access to a device to participate in online learning at home?

Vigilant Hygiene:

Please follow the following recommendations and keep your child/ren at home if they show any flu-like symptoms or are unwell. If they come to school and appear to display any of these symptoms, we will be making contact with you to collect your child/ren, this is in the best interest of our whole Marist Community.

Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly).
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze (using the inside of your arm)
- staying home if you are sick.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell, you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Policies

<https://marist.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "marist" and password "1025"

We continue to follow the guidelines from the Ministry of Health & Ministry of Education and will keep you fully informed as more news comes to hand.

We know that many of you may be feeling concerned in the current climate and we would like to reiterate the importance of personal responsibility for the Common Good -we are all in this together.

Warm wishes,
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