

COVID 19 – Update 9 – 22.03.20

Dear Marist Community,

PLEASE take the time to read the below message around the ever changing situation of COVID-19.

With the announcement that New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 2 – Reduce Contact for COVID-19, people over 70 years of age and those with compromised immunity and certain existing medical conditions are asked to remain at home as much as they can from now on and avoid any non-essential travel.

Staff, children and young people in schools and early learning services are therefore asked to follow this advice.

High risk individuals.....

While the majority of people who are confirmed with COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms, some individuals are at risk of more severe symptoms.

Older people, particularly those with pre-existing health problems are more likely to get severe illness and are therefore considered at risk. High risk individuals also include people with underlying medical conditions, such as:

- a compromised immune system
- liver disease
- cancer
- kidney disease
- heart disease
- diabetes mellitus

If your child will not be at school for any days due to these increased measures or for any other reason, **please inform the office as soon as possible. ...today would be helpful.** We will be able to plan accordingly as a school and provide guidance for learning programmes for students who are unable to attend school for the time being.

As part of this directive we continue to focus and enforce strict levels of hand washing etiquette & hygiene practices across the school. One thing we want to step up is social distancing, (**a minimum of 2 metres apart**) especially within our community at **pick up and drop off times**. We request that you do not gather in the corridor by Hub 5 but wait outside (yes, even if it is raining); if you are to continue to gather by the library and Hub 4 PLEASE ensure social distancing, this is for everyone's health AND peace of mind.

I want to acknowledge your unease, anxiety, and concern as you deal with elderly parents, sick children and your own health. Our staff are also dealing with this and from tomorrow you will see some absences due to these latest directions. Continue to support our staff as they work to provide a learning environment that is as normal as possible. I acknowledge their hard-work, commitment and passion for your children and the extra workload they now manage.....but manage it they do - they are amazing!!!!

So as a Marist Community, a country, a global citizen we continue to follow the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education directives, to do our bit and look after one another.

Please let us know if you need assistance in any way.

P.S The majority of the Marist Sisters will now be in isolation so perhaps a few made with love meals their way may be a helping hand, [please bring to the school office.](#)

God Bless

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