

Alert Level 2 Student Guidelines

28 February 2021

The following instructions for the next week are based on the guidelines issued to all schools by the Secretary of Education and Ministry of Health. They emphasise that the key controls for schools are to:

- ensure that people with COVID-19 symptoms or feeling generally unwell stay away from school
- enable good hygiene practices
- allow tracing of all people who enter our school
- maintain physical distancing (in schools this means children, young people, and staff maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, but there is no minimum distance requirement for schools at Alert Level 2).

At Alert Level 2 Morrinsville College is open to all students and they are encouraged to attend school every day.

However, if any students are showing any cold or flu-like symptoms, have been in South Auckland or have visited any of the following locations named by the Ministry of Health in the link below over the last week we are asking them to advise us and to stay at home for this next week in a very precautionary approach.

The latest locations of interest from the Ministry of Health can be viewed on the following link <https://www.health.govt.nz/node/11392>, and everyone who has been to one of these locations in the specified times or is [displaying COVID-19 symptoms](#) is being asked to self-isolate and call Healthline to arrange a test.

The following guidelines are identical to those we used in the previous three-day Alert Level 2 and will allow us to undertake relatively normal teaching and learning operations over the next week:

- **If any students are showing symptoms during the day then they will be isolated and parents will be asked to collect them**
- Classes will be provided with hand sanitiser and desktops will be sprayed with disinfectant at each break by staff
- Our current timetable will operate as normal, with all classes available
- **Normal school uniform is to be worn**
- If students wish to wear PPE or suitable face masks they are more than welcome to do so. We will not be issuing any as it is the recommendation from the Ministries of Education and Health that this is not required at school **or on any school buses**
- Students and staff members will be able to go between classes, however to allow better social distancing we ask that:
 - Students in A, B and C blocks enter their classes from the fire escape doors. This is weather dependent and the latest weather forecast is for some rain next week. We know that some of our students who find it physically difficult to use the fire escapes will continue to use the corridors
- Students are to follow staff seating directions and where practicable will be seated in class in order that they maintain a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. Students will need to show ongoing patience with this as it may mean that existing seating plans are altered each day depending on class attendance
- There will be no assemblies this week
- To take into account the potential risk that phones can have in transferring the virus we are once again asking that if students must bring them to school that they are placed in a named zip-lock plastic bag and left in their schoolbag during class. Alternatively, cell-phones will need to be handed in to classroom teachers at the beginning of each period. During PE classes they will still be required to be handed in hence the need for the bag which can then be sprayed with disinfectant
- **For those students who are genuinely unable to come onto the school site next week due to COVID-19 concerns, our teachers will endeavour to provide them with some online learning resources through Google Classroom and via e-mail. However, our focus will continue to be on**

face-to-face learning here at school and parents should not have any expectation that their child at home will have comprehensive learning.

Attendance and Transport to school

- Tracking and tracing of all people entering the school is critical and will be established for students by attendance rolls and their timetabled classrooms, and for parents and visitors to the school, via our QR posters and the Office register
- Members of the community should **not** come on to the school grounds, **unless they need to do so for a special reason like collecting a student who is unwell**. Those who do come onto the school grounds, aside from students and staff, **must** go through the school Office and sign the register. We ask that parents drop off students on the street and do not come onto the school site when collecting students
- Students must come directly inside the school gates and not congregate in groups or wait for friends outside the school gates
- Students will be unable to leave the school grounds during the day unless it is an important medical or health-related appointment
- Year 13 students will not be able to leave the grounds during a non-contact period. They will still be able to leave the school at lunchtime to go home if they have a non-contact in period five
- Students bringing cars to school must have a car pass from the Office and **must not carry passengers apart from family members**
- Bus students will need to:
 - Remain in the B Block holding area until called by the staff on duty
 - Line up in the two lines that will be marked with one metre separated markings at the main gate, as directed when their bus arrives
 - Follow the bus driver's instructions when boarding the bus.

Specific School Locations

- When visiting the Student Office and DPs' Deck students must maintain social distancing
- At the school canteen:
 - There will only be two lines operating and students must follow the marked one metre lines and the directions of the staff member on duty
 - The process will take longer than is normal and **so students should wherever possible bring their own lunch to school**
 - Eftpos or cash payments will be acceptable.

Physical Education, Cultural Groups and School Sports Teams

- PE classes will be allowed to operate as normal. Physical contact between students and shared use of equipment has been allowed under the Ministry guidelines, as long as all participants have washed their hands before and after the class
- We will take further guidance from the NZ Secondary Schools' Sports Council around inter-school sporting contact over the next week, but our school sports practices will continue
- Kapa haka, Drama production and musical groups can continue practices
- **The school Athletics Finals on Thursday will be postponed.**

Emergency Procedures

- In an emergency such as fire, earthquake or in a lockdown procedure the safety of students will take precedence over social distancing if absolutely necessary and will operate as normal.

Please contact the Office if you have any questions related to the Level 2 phase over the next week. Things will become clearer over the next few days and all going well we may be back at Level 1 from Monday 8 March.

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