## Coronavirus Update - 17.08.21

Kia ora koutou

As you will have seen, New Zealand will move to Alert Level 4 from midnight tonight, following a community case in Auckland. St Mark's will not be open for any students to attend for the next three days.

I would like to reassure our St Mark's family that we are well-prepared for distance learning. We will be working as a staff tomorrow to prepare the distance learning programme that will commence from Thursday for children from Preschool to Year 8. More communications will be sent to you tomorrow afternoon which will outline how our distance learning will be timetabled and how it will operate.

Tomorrow (Wednesday), will be a chance for the families, students and staff to make personal arrangements and prepare for our distance learning programme commencement on Thursday morning. However, we will have an online whole school assembly at 2.00 pm tomorrow. The assembly can be accessed on any device connected to their school account by going to Google Meet and typing 'assembly'. Parents are most welcome to attend.

At St Mark's a strength of our community is our ability to come together as one, whether it be online, at school or away on a trip to Christchurch. We look after each other and we are a School and Preschool where faith, kindness and love are at the heart of everything we do. If you or your child requires any support in the coming days, please reach out to your classroom teacher, our Deputy Principal, Mrs Erica Harvison: erica.harvison@st-marks.school.nz or our School Chaplain, Rev Dr Digby Wilkinson: digby.wilkinson@gmail.com. We are here for all families.

Stay positive everyone and stay safe! We will get through these next few days and we will all be together again at St Mark's very soon.

Kia Kaha - We are St Mark's!
Nga mihi nui

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