



Thursday 19th March 2020

The Management of Zayed College for Girls are committed to ensuring the wellbeing of all students, staff and our whānau.

We have just sent out a reassurance to parents about the cleaning and the care we are taking of our learning environment. We will continue to keep you updated as necessary. Today our school operates as usual and we do not have any plans for closure at this stage. We are guided by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and are closely following their advice and updates.

However please note, to enable our staff to prepare for online and other alternative teaching and learning methods should we be required to we ask that you fill in the survey sent out earlier this week if you have not already done so:

Link here - [Parent Survey](#)

We are aware that there will be members of our school and the broader community who may have travelled overseas recently. Remember that anyone returning after midnight Sunday is required to self-isolate at home for 14 days.

Our recommendation is **that if you have a family member living in your home who is required to isolate it is best to also keep your children at home in isolation** to reduce the risk for other students and staff.

We also strongly encourage anyone in our school whānau who has returned from overseas in the last 10 days to take precautions and consider self-isolation. It's just about keeping each other safe. When in doubt, choose the safest option for all.

For those who deal with asthma and/or other respiratory conditions, remember to make sure you have your inhalers on hand and in supply. You might find this link helpful:

<https://www.asthmafoundation.org.nz/>

Only enter the school if you are well. Stay away and keep your children home if they are sick.

If you enter the buildings please use the hand sanitizer provided on arrival.

Please note all external trips including participation in cluster sports days have been cancelled.

To encourage social distancing, school assemblies in the atrium have been cancelled for the remainder of term 1.

“While we are seeing large-scale school shutdowns elsewhere in the world, in New Zealand we still have no community transmission. Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to school”.

Please note, if your child is going to be absent at this time we do require you to email or phone the school and to keep us informed. Open and honest communication is of the utmost importance at this time.

Regina Rasheed
Principal
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