



# FIORDLAND COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Caregiver

Today the Prime Minister announced that, effective immediately, New Zealand has been placed in Alert Level 3 nationwide. In 48 hours it will be lifted to Level 4.

This means that:

- Schools will be closed from tomorrow (Tuesday 24 March) except to the children of parents in essential services such as doctors, police, ambulance drivers, supermarkets, banks, pharmacies, service stations, couriers and other important frontline service providers.
- School buses will not run from tomorrow morning.
- Schools will close entirely from midnight Wednesday 25 March for at least 4 weeks.
- People must work from home to ensure contact with others is limited.
- Two of the next four weeks will count as school holidays.

Teachers have been preparing our students for this likelihood, so it will be possible for your sons and daughters to continue with some home learning in the weeks ahead. However, please don't expect to see all of that this week. Both staff and students will need some time to process their next steps, given the speed with which this closure has happened. However, it would be fair to assume that all our students do already have some work that they can be going on with, whether that is revision, reading or working on projects they have already begun.

We know that this is a very stressful time. We really appreciate how you are all responding to what are very uncertain times. Unfortunately, the situation is going to remain uncertain for some time yet. Please be assured that we will endeavour to keep you as well informed as we possibly can over the coming days.

Kia kaha. Kia atawhai. Be strong. Be kind.

Lynlee Smith  
Principal

Nigel Humphries  
Board Chair