



## Level 2 Preparation FOR Monday 18 May 2020

**Routines and safety aligned with MOE Level 2 guidelines - [Click here for Ministry of Education information](#)**

- Students and staff maintain a physical distance, so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- Any students, young people and staff should stay at home if they are sick, or should be sent home immediately if they show any symptoms. Under Level 2 we ask that people see their family doctor that day to mitigate risk of COVID-19.
- Washing of hands as soon as students arrive at school, before break times, after break times, toilet times, sneeze/cough, end of the day etc.
- It is safe for students to share resources, books, sports gear etc when they are regularly washing their hands.
- Playgrounds are safe to open for students to play on and shared sports equipment is safe to play with.
- Full school assemblies will be put on hold. Whānau assemblies may continue with spacing between students.
- Drop off/pick up your children, between 8.15 and 8.30 in the morning and at 2.45 in the afternoon. Please do not drop off or collect your children outside of these times.
- Limited buses will run as usual. Baybus has asked if at all possible not to use the bus service. All school bus pupils must register with MMI. Students who catch the Bayhopper must register online.
- Parents on site: If you can avoid coming on site yourselves, we would appreciate this in order to minimise extra adults on the school grounds for the next few weeks. If you do enter the school at any time, you will need to register at the office first.
- Contact tracing at class level and school level so that students, staff and visitors can immediately be contacted by public health services if there is a probable or confirmed case.
- Upon advice from the local medical officer of health, any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing and then potentially for a further 14 days.

**Our first week back together:** We are mindful that students and staff will be returning, having had significantly different experiences during the lockdown and with a wide range of reactions to the pandemic. The effect on individuals will be diverse, some will transition back to school easily, some will find it a challenge initially for a variety of reasons.

Our focus areas in the first weeks back are:

- That relationships are reformed, strengthened and where necessary, recalibrated
- Sharing what we are thankful for and appreciate, over the last few months
- Being familiar with daily and weekly in and out of class routines - remember for some of our Year 7 students these will not be embedded (PB4L)
- Reflecting on our distance learning and planning what learning will look like now we are back in school
- Assessment tasks, when ready and able
- Having fun and enjoying each other's company

**Self-Isolating:** At Alert Level 2, all students and young people can go to school and we look forward to seeing all students back. [The Ministry of Education has shared](#) that the only exceptions are students or young people who are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms, are in isolation, or are waiting for the result of a test. Distance learning is available for those unable to attend school. Please be mindful that the distance learning programme will not look the same as it did in Lockdown, as teachers will be teaching their classes throughout the school day. So, teachers will do their best to support learners at home, but the programmes will not be as rigorous. That being said, we do believe that it is important for consistency and the return to school that teachers keep connection and contact with their students while they are away. Parents are asked to email [admin@mtint.school.nz](mailto:admin@mtint.school.nz) and the class teacher if your child is remaining in self isolation. This will enable us to finalise our plans for distance learning.

**School Issued Devices:**

A **drive through drop off** for devices will be open from 9.00 - 12.00 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Drive through the Lodge Avenue Carpark and staff will collect the device. This will enable us to clean and redistribute the devices prior to school restarting. Otherwise return the device to the school hall, before school, on Monday morning.

**For the kids:** We are looking forward to your return. Remember that Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May is an independent learning day at home, as your teachers will be back at school setting up their classroom. For students who are back at school already, under Alert Level Two, it will be school as usual.

**On Monday 18th May remember to:**

- BYOD into school, if you have one (Bring Your Own Device). This will minimise the sharing of devices in classes
- BYO headphones
- Pack your PE gear, lunch and a drink bottle
- Return stationery to school (if you took it home prior to lockdown)
- Bring a book to read and a ball to play with
- Return overdue library books
- Return school devices
- Wear correct school uniform

**Finally,** this has been a unique experience for you as a family, over the last 7 weeks. To help us best prepare for the transition back to school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if they are feeling anxious or if there is anything else that we need to know in relation to their learning or their time in lockdown.

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