

Monday 23 March 2020

Kia ora koutou

In light of the latest update and information from the New Zealand Government, MOH and MOE, and following this afternoon's announcement, Rathkeale College will close until further notice at the end of Wednesday 25th March.

The last day for most students will be tomorrow, Tuesday 24 March, and it has been indicated by the Prime Minister that schools will remain open one further day on Wednesday 25 March for students of essential workers. We would appreciate it that if you are an essential worker and you plan to send your son to Rathkeale College on Wednesday, please inform us tomorrow so that we can make adequate plans for him.

In regard to normal day student buses, there will be one leaving St Matthew's in the morning at the normal time and one leaving Rathkeale College at the end of the day at 3.15pm. This will connect with the South Wairarapa service.

This situation is fluid until we receive further direction. We will be communicating further information and details tomorrow and over the coming days.

We understand and totally support boarders who may wish to return home before Wednesday to ensure safe and timely travel, and the boarding housemasters are now working with families to facilitate this. Please know that the Boarding Houses remain open until Wednesday.

For all families, if your son is not going to be at school tomorrow, can you please notify us in the normal way please. It is vital that we account for every student in these circumstances.

We appreciate and thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

We must turn our focus and attention to the health and well-being of our entire nation, and I know this community will do everything in its power to support this.

Nga mihi

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