



Otago Boys' High School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As part of the graduated return to school, we think it is important for parents to understand just what it is that we are able to offer, as you make your decision about the potential return to school.

Please note that at Alert Level 3, all students in Years 11-13 will continue their 'Learning @ Home' programme as they have for the duration of the Level 4 lockdown.

Parents and caregivers of students in Years 9 & 10 are also required to keep their children at home if at all possible. The Government is asking you only to send your son to school if you are unable to provide adequate supervision for him at home.

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer 'normal' classroom experiences, this is due to the nature of our staffing and the need to keep each bubble limited in number and contacts each day.

At Alert Level 3 we are able to offer:

1. A safe, positive and supervised learning environment.
2. Classes that begin at 8.50am and finish at 3.05pm, the usual times.
3. Consistency; boys will be allocated a bubble and they will stay in that for the day.
4. They will be allocated a classroom, no more than 10 to each and desk, chair for their use for the whole time they are in school.
5. Students will have their breaks at different times with their bubble in specific areas.
6. Staff will be rostered on to supervise and guide, but not teach, in the conventional sense.

What we **cannot** offer:

1. A dual programme, instead students will be continuing with their online learning programme but be in school.
2. A device, students will need to bring their device and charger. They should check each day before coming to school that they have the correct gear.
3. Practical classes in P.E or Technology.
4. A canteen service, boys will need to bring their lunch and a water bottle.
5. The opportunity for boys to socialise with boys outside of their bubble.
6. Any after school supervision or activities.

If you need to send your son to school, please fill in the online form that I will be sending out shortly. This needs to be completed by 3.30pm Thursday 23rd April. You do not need to fill this in if your son will stay at home.

School House, the hostel, will not be open at this time.

Keep safe

Richard Hall
Rector