

CROMWELL COLLEGE COVID 19 PARENT UPDATE 5, 2 April 2020

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

I hope that the first week of lockdown is going well for you and your family and you are all managing the challenges that this new order is creating.

Below is an update from the Ministry of Education that provides information on:

- Keeping safe on line and helpful links for students and parents
- Flutracking by the Ministry of Health

Guidelines for e learning for students - 'Going Remote' have been developed and will be shared with students and parents next Friday 10 April and again next Monday 13 April in preparation for the start of Term 2 on 15 April. Our focus has been on making expectations for learning realistic for students and whānau within the context of busy and dynamic home environments. If there are questions regarding these guidelines please contact your child's class teacher directly.

No Access to the Cromwell College school site

Because of the seriousness of Alert Level 4 the Ministry of Education has requested that we ensure that access to school property is very tightly managed. The objective is to encourage people to stay at home by placing school property off-limits, including playgrounds and courts, and to ensure as much as possible that school property is secure. I know that this will be frustrating for some families who may want to use these facilities.

Noho ora mai rā

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Technology is great whether it's for information, learning, keeping connected or for games, music and videos. This bulletin provides a reminder about how to keep young people safe in an online world where, unfortunately there are some predators.

We have also covered managing a suspension process during the lockdown, some more information about access to school and kura sites and the addition to the list of essential services for aspects of education; namely those providing services to support online and distance learning – our printer of curriculum material for example.

Keeping on line safe

You may want to encourage your parents, caregivers and whānau to discuss internet safety with their children - of all ages. They should agree with their children what they can do online including sites they can visit and appropriate behaviours including:

- reviewing and approving games and apps before they are downloaded
- reviewing privacy settings of sites and applications
- checking children's profiles and what they are posting online
- check the sites your child is accessing
- reminding children that anything that is posted online will be permanently on the internet
- taking the time to understand what sites they are visiting and who they are talking with and check in regularly
- some social media sites have age restrictions to join, check these before letting your child use them or join them
- monitoring a child's use of the internet and consider having them use it in an open, common area of the house
- making sure your children know to report any activity they don't feel comfortable with to parents and caregivers straight away.

There is a unique opportunity during the lockdown of families going out together, albeit it close to home, but if your child is going out on their own it's still important to check where they are going.

- [Netsafe](#) continues to be available to provide you and your parent and caregiver community with support for online safety. They have [information for parents and caregivers](#) and have pulled together their [top tips for online safety during the lockdown](#). To report an incident To Netsafe - <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/reportanincident/>

- If you think a child in your care is the victim of online exploitation or abuse, report it to Police - if you or a child are in danger or a crime is being committed, call 111 or visit [your nearest Police Station](#) immediately.

If we all work together to make sure children are safe online, we can make the internet a great tool for people of all ages.

Flutracking

As noted yesterday by the Ministry of Health, Flutracking is an online survey which asks if you have had a fever or cough in the last week and which can help us track COVID-19. Registering online will help our surveillance efforts by providing early detection of community spread of the flu and also of COVID-19 symptoms.

We encourage people to register online at <https://info.flutracking.net/>

This is a practical thing everyone can do to help us monitor flu and COVID-19 symptoms throughout NZ.