

A GUIDE TO ALERT LEVEL 2

From Wednesday 12 August until further notice, Mount Aspiring College

As we move into alert Level 2 today, the following protocols have been developed to ensure we proceed both cautiously and safely. We are choosing to focus on the wellbeing of our school community first and foremost, therefore under Level 2 all non-essential curriculum activity both inside and outside of school will be limited.

I know that for some of you there is anxiety around sending your child(ren) to school but I want to assure you that we have been prepared for this - and have strict protocols in place that have been reactivated. We are confident that school is the safest place to be outside of your family bubbles. As always, we take our advice directly from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

Immediate key points to know are as follows:

- Covid Alert Level 2 commences from midday Wednesday 12 August. At this stage we will be at Level 2 until Friday evening, we will update you as and when required.
- All students are to go to whanau before Period 1 for the next three days.
- If you have any further immediate concerns around health issues and returning to school then please contact us at learn@mtaspiring.school.nz directly as soon as possible.

Further important information

Pick up and drop off

- Under Alert L2 parents and caregivers will not be allowed on site. We wish to encourage a drop off and pick up only approach to restrict the number of 'adults on-site'. Where possible there should be one person designated for pick up and drop off. Drop off and pick up should happen on Plantation Road and not at the old swimming pool car park.
- Please be respectful of this as it is the 'most likely' chance of Covid-19 entering the school grounds.
- If you do wish or need to come on site please email learn@mtaspiring.school.nz or phone 4430499. If this can not be done due to unforeseen circumstances please come to the school office to register as a visitor.

Inside the classrooms

- Under Alert L2 hand sanitiser will be provided. Hand sanitiser stations will be set up at the designated entry and exit point of each classroom and students and staff will use this as they enter and exit a room.
- All students will have their own stationery, supplies and devices and will be encouraged not to share these items.
- If a student is unable to bring a device to school (ie, has been using a parent's or a desktop PC) we can arrange for a longer term Chromebook loan, please let us know in advance.

- All subjects and options will be available to all students.
- Parents will need to contact the school in the case of an extended period of illness as per usual.
- For those students who cannot come to school due to underlying health issues, there will be work provided on a case-by-case basis.

On the campus

- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds, but hygiene practice should be observed before and after playing with equipment. There will also be daily cleaning of shared equipment. Staff and students must wash hands before and after all breaks and physical education activities.
- Students will have access to the campus grounds during break times.
- Designated classroom spaces will be made available for class size gatherings for all students during breaks.
- There will be no lunchtime exeats or home study for Y12/13 students while under Level 2.
- Drinking fountains will be turned off from lunchtime on Wednesday. Students will need a named drink bottle at school.
- The Canteen will remain open, all ordering will be done via the online form as per usual. There will be more information to follow.

Movement in and out of school

- We have chosen to continue to limit all non-essential curriculum activity both in and outside of school.
- OP classes and Hostel OP will continue to use outdoor venues, but will maintain minimum 2m physical separation with any members of the public.
- No class/school trips (except for OP) will occur out of the school grounds for the remainder of this week.

Cleaning and hygiene

- Cleaners will complete daily cleans in line with the Ministry of Health guidelines.
- In an Alert Level 2 we will continue to model good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

Transport

- School buses will run at the normal times but students will follow the hygiene protocols set by the bus company following the MOE guidelines.