



# QUEEN ELIZABETH COLLEGE

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

## Mid Term Break

The Board and I have decided to take a midterm break on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March. School will be closed on Thursday and Friday next week. All secondary schools are legally required to be open for 380 days. The two days we are taking in term one will be moved to the end of term four, to comply with regulations.

The reason we are taking a break is to allow staff and pupils to rest and refocus for the last four weeks of school. The wearing of masks and the mental fatigue of dealing with learning and the stress of COVID have made the time at school very taxing for everybody.

We are confident that we will remain open this term and hope that we can get through the worst of the COVID outbreak in the coming weeks.

## COVID Case Numbers

At the time of writing, we are aware of 12 active student cases, 6 students have recovered and returned to classes.

- 1 staff member is positive and isolating
- 1 staff member has recovered and returned to work
- 1 staff member is working from home as they are close contact in their house

From next week the time for isolation is reducing from 10 days to 7 days. We have several whānau at home due to being close contacts in their families. To make sure we are safe we would like you to have a negative Rapid Antigen Test before returning to the kura. You can order Rapid Antigen Tests at <https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/> and collect the tests from COVID Testing Stations.

If you are having to isolate, please let us know, we will organise some schoolwork for you and drop it off to your house. We are not able to issue computers as they are required at school for the learning programmes. If you have a computer at home, you can log onto to Teams and continue your work in those subjects that are available. We do encourage all families to buy a small PC which can be purchased for approximately \$300.

We have heard of our students being seen in town and about the place when they should be at school. I encourage you all to return to the classroom and carry on if you are not a close contact.

Kia Kaha,

Chris Moller  
Principal



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Only household members are called Close Contacts

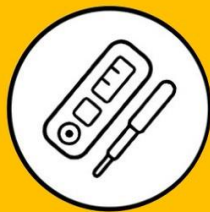


### Household Isolating

For 7 days because someone in their house has tested positive

Contacts test on Day 3 & Day 7

Can return on Day 8 if well & symptom free



### Positive Cases

Isolate for 7 days with all household members

Can return on Day 8 if well & symptom free for 24 hours, to be sure return a negative Rapid Antigen Test.

**Your child should be attending school if they are well and not having to isolate**

Please monitor for symptoms and if unwell get tested

### POTENTIAL SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



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