

SWINE FLU - UPDATE

The following has been forwarded to schools from the New Zealand School Trustees' Association.

“With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around New Zealand, our college is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health’s advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom-free after returning from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back to the home town/city. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, the whole college could be closed for a week. The school board asks you to carefully monitor your family’s health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand, and if there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the Ministry of Health Helpline on 0800 611 116”.

Within school we are encouraging the girls to be vigilant about hygiene e.g. regular and thorough hand-washing. If your daughter is sick with flu-like symptoms, we encourage you to keep her at home until all symptoms have cleared. If you are concerned you will need to check with your G.P. or phone Healthline on 0800 611 116.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Kind regards,



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Principal