



CAMPBELLS BAY SCHOOL

Not self, but service.
Ko te ratonga te tuatahi, ko koe te tuarua

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Our school

Roll

The school closely monitors roll numbers. The table below sets out our roll for domestic students at the end of March 2020 in comparison to last year.

Actual	March 31
2019	919
2020	933

End December 2020
predicted roll (domestic students): 1032
(2019 finished at 1017)

Board of Trustees news

Powers over school closures, re-openings and operations during the pandemic

While the CBS Board of Trustees still governs the school and the Principal maintains responsibility for operational matters at CBS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Secretary of Education now has temporary emergency powers including the power to:

- direct a school to open or close, or vary their hours
- direct how they operate, and how they are controlled or managed
- direct education providers to provide education in specified ways, such as through distance or online learning.

This is being done to ensure a unified and coordinated educational response to the COVID-19 outbreak at the national level and to enable the Government and the Ministry to act quickly in what they believe to be the best interests of educators, parents and whānau when required.

The CBS Board does not have power to close the school in response to COVID-19 concerns and neither do we have power to reopen the school at such a time as these concerns might abate. Like everyone, we await the Government's announcement on Monday which is expected to outline when schools like CBS can reopen and allow students to attend.

Online Learning

The Board would like to acknowledge the hard work of parents and caregivers in making the school's necessary move into online learning a success. We recognise that this is a difficult time for many of our parents and caregivers, with some of you being asked to try to work from home while looking after preschool-aged children and/or also trying to help support older relatives and manage household economic uncertainties. In such a context, we understand the extra challenge presented to parents and caregivers when also trying to direct and manage children's online learning at home. There is much awareness across the whole school community of the demands evident at this time and we are grateful for any and all of your efforts in supporting your children's learning in these difficult circumstances.

We would also like to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication in altering their teaching programmes to fit an online learning environment. As with our parent and caregiver community, our teachers are also operating in a vastly changed and uncertain environment, with many additional challenges apparent. We are hugely appreciative of all the work CBS staff have done to make the transition to online learning, and all they are doing to continue to advance student achievement and provide continuity in learning relationships for our students at this time.

We would also like to acknowledge the leadership of our dedicated IT Teacher, Joe Lanning, over the past months. Joe has worked tirelessly to quickly put the infrastructure in place to allow CBS to move to digital teaching during physical school closures. She has provided much needed support to teachers who might not have initially considered IT within their natural skillset and has inspired many with her calm and competent approach to facilitating online learning.

CBS Community Support

As highlighted above, the Board is very aware of the challenges our CBS families are currently navigating. We are also conscious that the economic ramifications of COVID-19 are likely to have impacts for our families for quite some time to come. In weathering these challenges, our strong network of community support will be particularly important. If you are struggling, please reach out and communicate about your situation with CBS staff and other members of the CBS community. The more we understand, the more we can do to try to help.

Extraordinary effort during extraordinary times

We would like to acknowledge the actions of all staff and especially the senior leadership team in the period prior to the nation-wide level 4 lockdown that began in March. During that time the many and constantly evolving recommendations from the Ministry of Education were implemented immediately and effectively at CBS. Maintaining the wellbeing of the children was (and remains) the primary goal.

The board would like to thank the staff involved in implementing these tremendously time-consuming and disruptive changes. Their vigilance and dedication are very much appreciated.

We would particularly like to thank Acting Principal John McGowan for his leadership during this time. We are grateful to have his experienced hands "steering the ship" during this unprecedented and unsettled time in the nation's history.