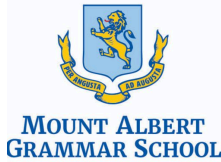




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From the Headmaster

A Safe and Healthy Community



Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Mount Albert Grammar School.

As you will be aware, our Prime Minister has announced that the current Alert Level 3 status for Auckland is to be reviewed on Monday afternoon.

Needless to say, we are all very keen to see the reopening of MAGS as soon as it is safe to do so. As such, we are tentatively planning for a return to school for students towards the end of next week.

With the completion of a 'deep-clean' of the school and the ongoing hygiene practices with which we are by now all familiar, we can all have confidence that once schools are given permission to open their doors, it will be safe for every student to return to lessons on site.

Importantly, the self-isolation period for our 'close contact' staff and students comes to an end on Monday evening and it is great that they will also be able to safely join us at school in the near future.

For our MAGS young people, the return to school is as much about supporting a healthy body as it is a healthy mind. The natural uncertainty about what the future holds can best be managed by students fully re-engaging with the routines around learning and school life in general.

Connecting once again in person with our MAGS people through the bustle and busy-ness of the school day will be a source of great security for students.

I can't wait to see everyone as soon as possible! But for now, let's stay committed to our online learning so we are prepared to hit the

Weekly Notices



Key Dates

Click [here](#) for the Calendar

Monday, August 31

Winter Tournament Week scheduled to begin



Thursday, September 17

Anzac Assembly

Wednesday, September 23

Arts Lions Assembly

Friday, September 25

School Ball, 6pm, Ellerslie Event Centre



Sport

ground running back here at MAGS ... soon!

Keep safe and have a good weekend.

Patrick Drumm
Headmaster



Fixtures and results

Click [here](#)

Videos promote School House



MAGS has made a series of videos to promote boarding at School House in an effort to attract the best possible candidates.

The main video – [School House: Growing Great Young Men](#) – features scenes of life at School House and interviews with Headmaster Patrick Drumm and Director of Boarding Daryl Cartwright as they explain the benefits of boarding at MAGS, the role boarders play at school, and the values instilled in boarders.

There are also five *Life at School House* videos – each with a different boy telling his story about why he came to School House and how it has made a difference to his life.

You can watch the videos on the MAGS YouTube channel [here](#)

Online learning continues during Alert Level 3

Lesson & Activity times	Junior School Y9 & 10	Senior School Y11-13
Period 1 9:00-9:30	30 mins Online class	
Period 2 9:35-10:05	30 mins Online class	
10:05-10.20 AMP / Mentor class time	<p style="text-align: center;">Well-being Focus</p> <p>AMP class check-in time: Check your Year Group Google Classroom Page for the day's activity and messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete any admin or mentor class tasks. • Look out for notices and sports/arts/service challenges 	
Break 10:20-10:40	LEARNING BREAK (20 mins) - Whanau & Home Focus	
Period 3 10:45-11:15	30 mins Online class	
Period 4 11:20-11:50	30 mins Online class	
Break 11:50-12:10	LEARNING BREAK (20 mins) - Whanau & Home Focus	
Period 5 12:15-12:45	30 mins Online class	
Lunch 12:45-1:25	LUNCH (40 mins) - Whanau & Home Focus	
1:30- 2:00 Co-Curricular Physical fitness focus	<p>30 mins</p> <p>Co-curricular & Fitness Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent game-related play (e.g. basketball, netball, football, archery practice) • Independent specific training for your sport or cultural group, cardio-vascular fitness, yoga, stretching, singing practice, etc. • Online connection with your committees and groups (Interact, D&D, Health Committee, SAGA, etc) 	
2.00pm - 3.00pm onwards Individual work time to complete set tasks / assessment	<p>Independent Working Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working on the set tasks from your lessons / Assessments at your own pace until the work /days goal are complete. • Plan your day for tomorrow (10 min) • Read and action/delete emails so they don't get out of hand. 	

Mount Albert Grammar School is continuing online learning for **all year levels** through Alert Level 3.

- **Sign in** at the start of the day through your year level Google Classroom.
- Follow your **school timetable**, using the outlined times.
- **Be online** during your allocated class time.
- Continue your learning in the afternoon to make sure all **set work is completed**.
- **Take the scheduled breaks**, make time for physical activity and make sure you have **some device-free time**.

Students are asked to keep checking their google classroom announcement pages and school email accounts for information updates as there may be some minor changes to the online learning programme.

On Monday, our Government agreed to give principals the option of bringing some of the Year 12 and 13 students back to school for face-to-face learning during Alert Level 3. However, the health requirements that are necessary in order to implement 'school bubbles' for our Year 12 and 13 students are both unmanageable and impracticable and, after careful consideration, MAGS has made the decision to continue with our online learning programme during Alert Level 3.

You can read the full letter about this decision that was sent out to the school community on Tuesday [here](#)

Big K Challenge accepted



MAGS staff, students, family members and Albertians are showing their love of physical well-being and their competitive spirit by embracing the Big K Challenge.

The competition features prizes as well as bragging rights for the top form class, year level, individual and overall winner.

Participants are challenged to log their activity each day – walk, run, row or bike, with one entry allowed per day and a minimum distance of 3km per entry (9km if by bike as biking distance is divided by three to be equivalent to a run or walk of equal distance).

As of today, the numbers that had signed up were Year 9 – 692 students, Year 10 – 650, Year 11 – 690, Year 12 – 637, Year 13 – 559, and 275 staff.

The staff contingent was out of the blocks fast and has taken an early lead but the year levels have a chance to catch up with next Wednesday, August 26, the last day to log an entry. So get moving and keep moving!

Progress reports are posted on the [MAGS Sport Instagram page](#)

Find out more and log your activity [here](#)

Helping those in need

MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

DONATE \$ FOR FOOD PARCELS
Help MAGS help the Village Trust.

THE VILLAGE TRUST'S FOOD PARCELS: TO FAMILIES IN NEED.
DONATE NOW \$2 or \$5 or more
TO BANK A/C - THANK U
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INFO AT <https://www.facebook.com/thevillagecommunityservicetrust/>

COVID-19 APPEAL
20-25th August

FOR TAX DEDUCTABLE RECEIPTS FOR LARGE DONATIONS ADD YOUR NAME TO BANK PAYMENT REFERENCE & MESSAGE YOUR DETAILS ON THE VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE BUTTON

The Village Community Services Trust

MAGS is getting behind the Village Trust, which is delivering food parcels and other goods to families in need throughout Auckland.

The Trust has helped our students over the years with mentoring, and buying uniforms and paying fees.

We'd like to return the favour. Any donations, big or small, will make a huge difference to families doing it tough.

The Trust is led by former All Black Sir Michael Jones and his wife Maliena, and our Pasifika Liaison Danny Liuliu-Afoa has worked with the Trust for many years.

You can see a TVNZ news clip about the Trust's work [here](#)

MAGS has also extended the time period for its Canned Food Drive – collecting canned food for the Auckland City Mission – so that students can donate canned food items during AMP time once school resumes.

Future-proofed stream fencing



Steve Page Fencing from Henderson has been busy completing the fencing around our newly planted native gully and stream on the ASB MAGS Farm.

This is a full replacement of the existing fence, which was in various states of repair – from non-existent to leaning over, broken, rotten and barely standing.

We have used Future Posts, which were donated by ASB. These are made largely from recycled plastic milk bottles and other soft plastics, and will last a very long time on our farm.

There will be stiles in a couple of spots so we can still access the stream and use it as a learning resource for future MAGS students.

Out-of-zone applications for 2021

The Mount Albert Grammar School Board of Trustees may approve a limited number of out-of-zone enrolments for 2021.

Applications for out-of-zone enrolments should be done online and must be received by **Wednesday, 2 September, 2020**. Should a ballot be required for out-of-zone enrolments, this will occur on **Wednesday, 9 September, 2020**.

Out-of-zone applications use the same online enrolment procedure as in-zone students – except for the in-zone declaration and providing proof of residence.

More enrolment information [here](#)

Sign up to the Centenary database

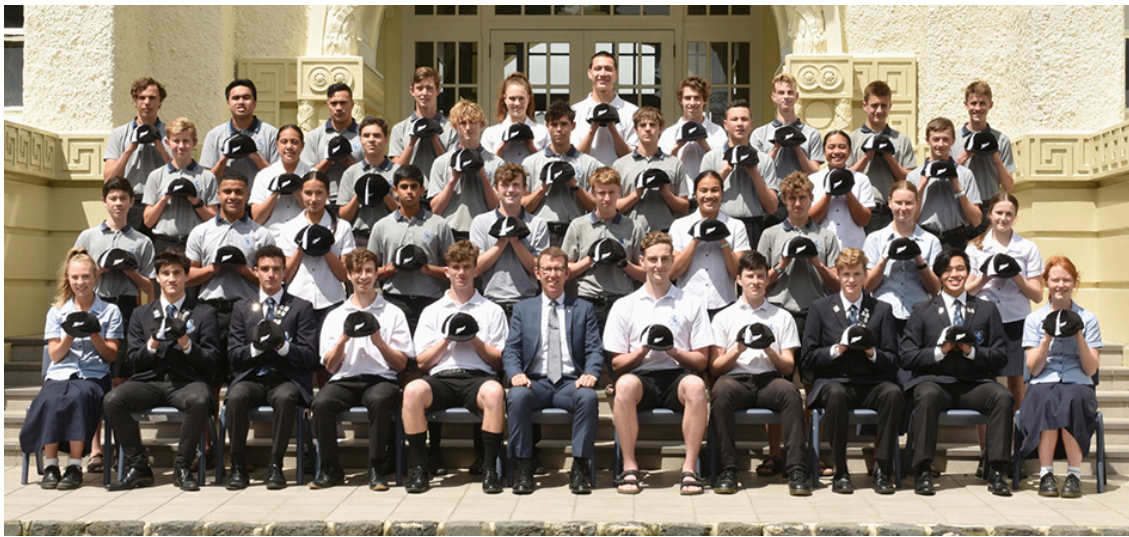


As we get closer to our Centenary in 2022, with events planned for May 9-14, we warmly invite all Albertians to sign up to the database [here](#) to keep up to date with information, communications and events leading up to the Centenary celebration.

Please encourage your friends and peers who were with you at MAGS to attend with you, and to also register at the link.

Sports update

Black Cap applications open



The Sports Department is taking applications [here](#) for the MAGS Black Cap. You must have represented New Zealand between October 24, 2019 and October 12, 2020. To receive your Black Cap at the Sports Dinner on October 21 you will need to submit your application by Friday, September 25. Any performances after September 25 will still be celebrated at the Sports Dinner but the student name will not appear in the programme and your Black Cap will not be embroidered until after the dinner.

- You must have played in a game/sport
- Non-playing or paper teams do not count
- You must be a current MAGS student when you competed in the event

A formal photo of all Black Cap recipients will be taken at School on Wednesday, October 15 at 1.00pm.

Any queries, please email sports@mags.school.nz

Sportsperson of the Year nominations

College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsperson of the Year (YSPOTY) Awards have been held since 1991 to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of Auckland secondary school students.

This year, the 30th Annual YSPOTY Awards will be held Thursday, November 19 at 6.30pm at Eden Park to recognise outstanding achievement across many sports.

You can find out more about the awards and fill out a nomination form [here](#)

Nominations close September 7.

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