

Urgent Information - Please Read

Cornerstone Christian School - 26 January 2023



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Happy new year to you all! Trust you have all managed to have a good break and some down-time (if not sunny-time) with your family. We are very much looking forward to starting the school year next week on Monday 30th January, and catching up with our fantastic Cornerstone students!

I have some urgent news to share with our school community that will likely prove challenging for some of you. Over the past two weeks we have been working closely with the school proprietor (Cornerstone Christian Education Trust) and the company that is building our I-block, around building completion and handover. Unfortunately we have hit some snags around supply of the upstairs balustrading, stair and ramp rails. In its current state Palmerston North City Council will not grant the school a Certificate of Public Usage (or CPU). As principal I am also not comfortable with the high level of health and safety risk missing balustrades present to staff and students alike, and therefore I-block will need to remain closed until these outstanding jobs are finished. As we have also been renovating parts of L-block, we currently do not have enough classroom stock to start the secondary school year and therefore I regretfully need to inform parents that school will not be able to open until Tuesday 7th February for all **year 9 to 13 students** only (see below for clarification). Year 1-8 students are able to start on Monday 30th January 2023.

I know this will not be acceptable to some families and I apologise in advance for the difficulties this will likely cause. If it is critical that your year 9-13 young person still starts the school year on Monday 30th please let us know by filling in the online form <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=46NXLARJi0SWxfybyX7SaJoY0ykpW0tDsggJKI93lAxUOE0wWlZZQVkwTlpaMzhaRIVHUIY4SFBMQS4u> (click hyperlink). We will do our best to cater for your young person in a temporary classroom

arrangement in rooms H2/3. If however you can keep your year 9-13 young person home, please do so.

On Monday morning we will still hold our pōwhiri to welcome and pray for all new Cornerstone students in the gymnasium starting at 9.00am (this includes new year 9-13 students and families). All new students should go to their allocated classroom first to meet their teacher, drop off their stationery/bag and complete the roll before walking over to the gymnasium carpark. If you are unsure where your classroom is, please meet in the carpark just after 9.00am. New students, please look out for teachers wearing fluoro vests who will guide children and families through the pōwhiri process. We are also asking that all year 13 students attend the pōwhiri to support our new students and families. Mrs Casey would also like to meet with all year 13's in the gym classroom to talk through final details for the year 13 camp beginning on Wednesday 1st February 2023. This is still going ahead.

New Bell Times

Please remember that for all students in years 7-13 the school bell for the start of the day will ring at 8:50am. All other year levels (1-6) start at the normal time of 9.00am.

Buses

The Ashhurst and Feilding School buses will be back up and running from Monday 30th January 2023. For more information on the bus timetable and stops please see <https://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/bus-services/>

Stationery

Please ensure you have all of your stationery ready when you start school on Monday 30th (year 1-8) or Tuesday 7th Feb (year 9-13). For more information on what is required please refer to our school website, here <https://www.myschool.co.nz/cornerstonechristian>

Uniform

Our school has a compulsory school uniform. It also has a physical education uniform which is compulsory for students in Years 7 and above.

Parents may purchase all school uniform items from NZ Uniforms, situated at 589B Tremaine Avenue.

The shop hours are:

- Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm

- Saturday: 9am – 4pm
- Sunday: Closed

The school will still hold Bucket hats and caps on site if needed urgently.

Looking forward to meeting up with you all over the next two weeks. As always, If you have any concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me by email.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

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