



**REMUERA  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL**  
RELIABILITY INTEGRITY SERVICE

## Welcome Newsletter 2021

A very warm welcome to the start of the 2021 school year. To our new families, welcome to the RI community. We look forward to meeting you all in due course. A special welcome back to our returning families, it is great to have you all on board for another action-packed year. This newsletter provides some useful information regarding these first few weeks of school.

### Important Dates

**Further details will be shared in due course**

Monday 1st Feb	Auckland Anniversary - No school for students
Tues/Wed 2nd/3rd Feb	Teacher Only Days - No school for students
Thursday 4th February	First day for students (Year 7 Hall/Year 8 Main Courts)
Tuesday 9th February	School lunchroom opens
Tuesday 16th February	Meet the Teacher Evening - 6:30pm in the school hall
Wednesday 3rd March	Community Picnic – 5:30pm on the school field

### Getting Started

On day one your child will receive an introductory letter from their teacher giving you insight into who they are and what they are looking forward to this year. During the first couple of shorter weeks, we will focus on building relationships and getting to know our young people whilst also establishing routines and clarifying expectations.

### Transitioning to Intermediate

A significant part of the transition to intermediate school is the focus on developing much greater independence. This can be an uncertain time as parents especially if you and your child have been in one school for a long time. You may be used to being far more involved and aware of what is happening at school. Whilst we do encourage students to take on the responsibility of being at meetings, joining the myriad of activities or simply remembering their PE uniform you are able to support them through this transition by a number of different means.

### Communication

The school APP and website both provide a wealth of information and features such as access to Daily Notices, Newsletters, teacher contact details, important events and a great deal more.

I would also encourage you to always try the website if you are looking for any further details. Although information is well organized, there is an excellent search feature which certainly makes it very easy to locate answers to your questions. Newsletters are published at the end of each month to keep you up to date and report back on recent events. These are also uploaded to the website.

Teachers are always available via email, however their priority during the day is teaching so please don't be offended if they do not reply immediately. If you are writing to share a significant concern or issue, we would encourage you to make a time to meet in person as sensitive communication is always better face to face.

## School Routines and Expectations

To support our young people to be successful and to assist us in keeping them safe we ask for support with the following.

### Start and End of Day Routines

Children must be **in class ready for learning by 8:45am**. All late comers must report to the office for a late pass prior to heading to class. School ends at 3:00pm with cyclists leaving 5 minutes earlier to avoid potential accidents with foot traffic.

### Uniform

It is expected that all students will wear correct uniform to and from school. We also expect that this will be worn correctly at all times. For boys this means shirts must be tucked in and socks must be pulled up. If necessary elastic garters may be necessary to hold these up. We do recommend however that all students wear sandals in the warmer months to help keep cooler. Some subjects such as Food Technology and Multi Materials require closed toe shoes for safety so they may wish to wear shoes on the days they have these subjects. Teachers will provide further information regarding specialist programmes in the coming days.

### Absences and Extended Leave

Absences must be reported to the office via the school APP or the website prior to 8:45am. For extended periods of leave greater than one week, written permission must be sought from the principal. To request extended leave email [principal@remint.school.nz](mailto:principal@remint.school.nz) outlining the reason and the requested dates.

### Drop Off and Collection Zones

Due to the large number of students, we ask that parents park outside the school gates on Ascot Ave or St Vincent's Ave to drop off or collect their children. Please **do not enter the school carparks or driveways** as this presents an extreme risk to student safety.

### Hats/Sunscreen

Students are required to wear a hat during break times. We ask that these **are clearly named** to ensure they can be returned if they are found. We also recommend the use of sunscreen as the students will be spending significant time outside during these warmer months.

### Mobile Phones and School Phone Use

Children are able to bring their phones to and from school however, these must be handed to the classroom teacher as soon as the students arrive at school. These will be placed in the class lockbox and returned at the end of the school day. Student use of school phones is limited to emergencies only.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to a great year ahead.

Kind regards

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