ICL EDUCATION GROUP

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Welcome to the final few days of the Covid-19 Alert Level 4 lockdown of Aotearoa, New Zealand. Today's update will discuss the move to Alert Level 3 and answer some questions you might have about it, and what it means for you. We will also let you know how you can still sit the IELTS English language test in lockdown, and remind you about the upcoming public holiday.

FAQ FOR ALERT LEVEL 3

Q: ***When do we go to Level 3***
A: Monday, April 27th at 11:59 PM

Q: ***Will classes be held at the ICL building under Alert Level 3?***
A: No. Classes will continue to be held online, and you are still required to attend your online classes throughout Alert Level 3.

Q: ***Can I see my friends in Alert Level 3?***
A: Unfortunately not. Level 3 is still all about eliminating Covid-19 from New Zealand and this means continuing to limit you physical interactions to your current bubble. However, there is now the possibility of expanding your bubble slightly to reconnect with close family or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people.

Q: ***What will be open during Alert Level 3?***
A: The same services open during Level 4 will of course be open at Level 3, such as supermarkets, pharmacies, etc. However, Level 3 will see some restaurants re-open with the ability to order takeaway food (not sit in). Some retail services will also decide to reopen provided they can operate without physical interaction with customers. We suggest only ordering from local businesses in this time.

Q: ***How long will Alert Level 3 last?***
A: A MINIMUM of 2 weeks. This could be extended if there is an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases, or there is no decline in cases over this time. This is why it is still very important to maintain our social distancing, and to follow the rules currently in place. Breaking rules could lead to an extension of Level 3.

We will continue to keep you fully updated on this as the information comes.

Q: ***Will gyms and hairdressers reopen under Alert Level 3?***
A: No. These facilities involve too much physical contact. So please continue to stay active the same way you have been over the last few weeks, and don't worry about your shaggy hair!

Q: ***Can I travel around New Zealand during Alert Level 3?***
A: Domestic travel is still completely limited to essential travel only. Staying within your bubble as much as possible at Level 3 is extremely important.

More information about Alert Level 3 here.

IELTS Indicator

IELTS has launched ***IELTS*** Indicator, an online English language test for test takers who are currently unable to sit an ***IELTS*** test due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

ICL Graduate Business School recognises the IELTS indicator test, which is temporarily approved by NZQA. The indicator test costs approximately $250, and is a good opportunity to gain admission to one of ICL's academic programmes.

Bookings are NOW OPEN if you would like to sit the test online.

For information and how to book you test, follow the link:
www.ieltsindicator.com

Anzac Day

A friendly reminder that this Saturday, April 25 marks Anzac Day. As a result, there will be **no classes this Saturday, and Monday, April 27 is the official public holiday for Anzac Day, so there will also be no classes to attend on this day too. *ICL Graduate Business* classes will run as usual on Sunday, April 26.**

It is strongly advised not to use the long weekend to travel outside of your bubble. Remember, we are still in Level 4 at this current time.

A Message From the Principal

"We are coming to the end of Level 4. We are very proud of the way staff and students have managed during this lockdown period with everyone doing their best to make the time as useful as possible. Next week we move to Level 3 for two weeks and, although there will be more business operation, most people will still be at home. We will continue teaching online during that time.

We know that study conditions for some students are not ideal but we are very encouraged by the response to online learning. All of us are learning to operate in a new world. There is a Māori word, 'ako' which means 'to teach' and also 'to learn.' It is a good word for what is happening now - We are all learners and teachers at this time.

On Saturday 25th April, it is Anzac day. On this day, New Zealanders remember those who have fought and died in wars. This year many people are thinking about those people who have fought to save lives during this crisis, especially healthcare workers and other essential services, here and around the world. If you would like to participate, you can by Standing at dawn.

Kia kaha."
- Wayne Dyer

Reminder:

WE ARE STILL AT ALERT LEVEL 4

Stay Home, Save Lives

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