



Rugby update relating to COVID-19

Dear Rugby Whanau

The New Zealand Government, Sport New Zealand, New Zealand Rugby Union and The Bay of Plenty Rugby Union have outlined many requirements for schools to conform with prior to rugby practices beginning at school level.

Contact Tracing: Parents and visitors must sign in for contact tracing purposes. On game days, which will be held on Saturday's, parents, visitors and guests will need to sign in and register. A registration book will be located on the concrete grandstand in front of Pavilion 3, which is located behind the rugby posts on the number one rugby field. You will then be able to find a suitable place to watch the game around the rugby field while maintaining social distancing requirements.

Practices

Players are expected to remain at home if they are unwell and not attend training. As per our school regulations, parents are expected to notify the school attendance office regarding any absence, and these are recorded on Kamar.

Any player demonstrating Covid-19 like symptoms while at training will be sent home immediately and their parents contacted, in addition, to the school management.

All students are expected to sanitize their hands prior to training beginning and at the conclusion of training. The hand sanitizer will be located under Pavilion 1 and Pavilion 3. Each player is expected to bring their own drink bottle to every training and game day. There is also an expectation that players do not train in their school uniform. Players will need appropriate training gear for rugby practices. This includes wearing rugby boots during practices and as is compulsory, a mouth guard.

Cleaning

The training gear that is used during rugby practices will be regularly cleaned as per the Covid-19 requirements for contact sports. This includes, rugby balls, hit shields, cones, scrum machine and tackle bags.

Players Meeting

There will be a meeting for all senior rugby players at lunch-time (1:30pm) on Tuesday 26th of May in the Action Centre, specifically, in The Sports Café, located next to The Sports Department Office.

Communication

If you have any queries relating to rugby at Otumoetai College and Covid-19, please email: Richard Brown at: rbrown@otc.school.nz

For comprehensive information relating to Covid-19 and contact sports please visit the Covid-19 website and Sport New Zealand's website.

Health and Well-being

Your son or daughter's health and well-being is paramount.

We look forward to the 2020 rugby season and sharing the positive experiences that sport can provide.

Yours in Rugby

Richard Brown