



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU

18 March 2019

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of NPBHS and our wider community, we extend our sincere and deepest condolences to the Muslim community of Christchurch and NZ, their extended families and friends.

Many students will have questions so the following information has been compiled to help support your son(s) during this difficult time.

Some students may have seen the graphics live footage of this terrible event, if so, it is not the time to judge but to try to talk openly with them about it and ideally (if they feel comfortable) they should speak to one of our trained guidance councillors and/or the family GP. It is a good reminder to our community that sharing and posting highly objectionable material is a criminal offence so they must not forward it on and if they have received a link do NOT view it. Further information can be found at this link [here](#):

The Ministry of Education has provided the following three links and an attachment for us to share. They all have very good information:

Helping children deal with trauma – Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/emergency-management/managing-stress-emergency/helping-children>

Oranga Tamariki's website: <https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/caring-for-someone/support-and-training/talking-about-traumatic-events/>

Children's Commissioner NZ Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/childrenscommnz/posts/2099610073454960?_tn_=-R

Please take care of one another and our community, if we can be of any further assistance to you or your family do not hesitate in contacting the school office in the first instance on 06 758 5399.

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