

## From our Principal, John Maguire



Tēnā koutou ngā whānau,

The Covid-19 Public Health Response Order for mandatory Vaccinations for Education came into effect on Monday 25 October. Covid-19 vaccinations become mandatory for the education workforce at 11.59pm on Monday 15 November. This means that everyone, who may have contact with your learner or will be present at a time when your learner is also present, will have to have had at least their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine - teachers, support staff, relief teachers, itinerant music teachers, reader writers, trades people, contractors, sport coaches, managers, volunteers and any members of the community who are regularly on site during a time when our learners may be present.

Covid-19 vaccinations are not mandatory for parents / caregivers who may need to come on site for an appointment, however our alert level 2 safety plan must be followed that requires all Parents and Caregivers to make an appointment, wear a face mask (unless evidence of exemption), sign in at the office, scan the Garin QR code and sanitize hands. Learners who are unwell or showing flu like symptoms must stay home and if necessary contact their GP and seek advice. Thank you for your support during these challenging times.

It is my privilege to announce the learners appointments to serve as our House Captain's for the 2022 College year. Leadership as House Captain is fundamental to building the wairua and participation of learners in the fun and excitement surrounding our College events and celebrations throughout the year. Our house leaders are the bridge we have through which we explore the lived spirit and values of each of the house patrons in action with the learners of each House.

**Aubert House:** Rosa Babington and Billy Powick

**Barbier House:** Ethan Speers and Sophia O'Brien

**MacKillop House:** Rebecca Loach and Sean Wallace

**McAuley House:** Nathan King and Courtney Suckling

Congratulations to you all; we look forward to your positive energy to bring out the best in all of us.

Next week Wednesday 17th November at 11.40 am we look forward to celebrating our liturgy of thanksgiving to God for the year past, especially acknowledging our Year 13 learners in our traditional candle ceremony and farewelling all our Senior learners as they depart for the NCEA external examinations. We will be celebrating this liturgy outdoors with our theme *"to be servants of hope"* with our candle ceremony focusing on our leavers being lights in our world today through living Christ's message. Sadly, due to Covid alert level 2, we are unable to have parents, caregivers and whānau present our end of year liturgy.

Congratulations to our Year 11 Learners all of whom sat their Religious Education NCEA external assessment this week. This was a first for us to have the whole year level sitting one digital examination at the same time, this is the beginning of the future for NCEA Assessment. NCEA External assessments start Monday 22 November, I wish our year 11 to 13 learners every success as they prepare for and sit the examinations. This time of year can also be a tiring and stressful time for our learners. Learners are encouraged to communicate with their whanau and teachers throughout the coming weeks, share their load and seek support as necessary.

I thank you all for your ongoing support of the College and your learners. As always please make contact if there is anything the staff or myself can do to support you.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ngā mihi manaakitanga  
God Bless,

John Maguire  
Principal

### SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Friday 3 December

Teacher Only Accord Day - school closed

Friday 10 December

Prizegiving - In-house

Take a moment ...

*Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.*

Albert Einstein

# Newsletter Week 1 Term Four

## SPECIAL CHARACTER

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 'Jesus' words will last forever'



### GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

*"Learn a lesson from a fig tree. When its branches begin to sprout leaves, you know summer is near. So when you see all these things happening, you will know that the time has almost come. The sky and the earth will not last forever, but my words will. No-one knows the day or the time. The angels in heaven don't know, and the Son himself doesn't know. Only the Father knows."*

This week's readings tell us the time of salvation is not known for certain. They paint a picture of stressful times and disorder, a time when creation is in flux. By using a fig tree as a sign of the coming of summer, Jesus points out to his disciples that they must observe the world around them. The Psalm points the way to the attitude that we should adopt in the face of chaos and disorder, and offers us hope. The first Christian communities believed that the end times and Christ's second coming were very close, and it was only after many years when this did not happen that the language of the second coming was mellowed. Recognising the 'signs of the times' and responding in faith to changing circumstances is required of Christians.



### PSALM 16

*You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe.  
I will always look to you, as you stand beside me and protect me from fear.  
With all my heart, I will celebrate, and I can safely rest. I am your chosen one.  
You have shown me the path to life, and you make me glad by being near to me.  
Sitting at your right side, I will always be joyful.*

## Covid-19 Vaccination and Immunisation Programme

"The New Zealand Catholic bishops are strongly urging everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand to get a COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available." *WelCom May 2021*

[https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw\\_welcom/covid-19-vaccine-and-immunisation-programme/](https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_welcom/covid-19-vaccine-and-immunisation-programme/)

The Catholic bishops of New Zealand are urging Catholics and all citizens in the Country to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

NZ Catholic Bishops Conference President, Cardinal John Dew advises that the Pope has made it clear there is no religious reason to reject vaccination.

### 'Reject false information'

Cardinal Dew explains the bishops took their advice about vaccines from reputable doctors, scientists and their own bioethics agency, the Nathaniel Centre. On this basis, he says bishops "reject the false information circulating on the internet and elsewhere that claims vaccines should not be used."

### Moral duty

Cardinal Dew, "Everyone, including Catholics, has a moral responsibility to protect themselves and others by getting a Covid-19 vaccine as soon as they become eligible for it under the Government's planned vaccine programme".

## NZQA External Exams 2021

Senior Garin College learners are preparing for their NZQA external exams in November/December. These externals are important for our learners as they represent their learning throughout the year, external papers support University Entrance/entrance into future pathways and their ability to participate in a learning programme.

Garin learners are well prepared for their external exams and have support to achieve their personal excellence through our Derived Grade Exams that took place in September. Learners have received feedback on the Derived Grade Exams and five weeks of preparation in term four. The College views external exams as being an experience that they can learn and grow from. Although exams may be challenging, meeting this challenge and going into their exams using a positive mindset, study skills and study habits will ensure they reach their personal excellence.



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY  
MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

Below are outlines from NZQA and the conditions that will take place under alert level 2 and alert level 3.

### NCEA and NZ Scholarship Exams for any region at Alert Level 2 & Alert Level 3

1. Under current advice from Public Health, NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams will go ahead. Should this position, or the requirements for running exams at these alert levels change for any reason, we will inform schools and kura as soon as possible.
2. Rooms must be sufficiently ventilated.
3. Wearing a face mask is strongly encouraged but not required.

All absence from external exams must comply with NZQA rules. **If your son and/or daughter is absent Garin College should be contacted promptly on 03 543 9488.**

**If you have any questions or concerns about exams operating at Alert Level 3,** please speak to our Garin College Principal Nominee Rachel Cookson on [rachelcookson@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:rachelcookson@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz)

# PRIZEGIVING

Welcome to the Garin College Prize Giving Ceremony for 2021.

We are so proud of our students for maintaining their focus through this challenging year.

Be proud of your children regardless of whether or not they receive an award. They have all worked hard and deserve our respect and support.

To the learners who are receiving prizes – well done! Your strengths have been recognised. Prizewinners will be notified at the end of Week 7. Please advise the school office if your learner is unable to attend the ceremony starting at midday on Friday, 10 December 2021.

To our graduating students – congratulations. You are all amazing and we know you will continue to be successful in your lives after Garin College. We will miss you.

As we are at an Alert Level that requires careful management of people gathering together, we are unable to host parents, caregivers and whanau at our Prizegiving Award ceremony this year. We are sorry you are not able to join us in person for this ceremony and we hope you enjoy sharing it with us from a distance. You are very welcome to join us live from midday on Friday 10 December to celebrate with our school community – please use this live stream link:

<https://digitalvision.live/livestreams/garin-college-graduation-2021>

(the password is: Garin)

Please note, school is as usual for the morning of Friday (10 December); non-prize winning students will be released from school at 11.30am. All of these students are welcome to stay and watch the live stream ceremony in classrooms. Buses will run as usual at 3.10pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Live Graduation & Prize Giving

**Protected: Garin College – Graduation 2021**

10 Dec, 21, 12:00 pm

Live Stream Player



Garin College



# School bus arrangements for 2022

Next year will see some minor changes to our school transport as the Ministry of Education transitions to a new contract with our current bus operators. To make sure that the start of the school year goes as smoothly as possible, please familiarise yourself with the information below.

As always, please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they are picked up safely.

## School bus routes, timetables and bus stop information

Please see the following link for the most up to date information:

<http://www.nelsoncoachlines.co.nz/>

## Eligibility for school transport assistance

We often get questions about whether students qualify for school transport assistance i.e., a place on a school bus.

The Ministry of Education has three criteria that students must meet in order to qualify for school transport assistance. They are:

1. The student must attend their closest state or state-integrated school
2. The student must live more than a certain distance from the school:
  - Years 1-8: At least 3.2 km
  - Years 9-13: At least 4.8 km
3. There must be no suitable public transport options

The Ministry of Education has a handy [video](#) on their website that explains the eligibility criteria for school transport assistance.

[https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/sta-eligibility/&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1636508093614000&usg=AOvVaw0VqQsmm4YBP-WI8Az0\\_a\\_O](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/sta-eligibility/&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1636508093614000&usg=AOvVaw0VqQsmm4YBP-WI8Az0_a_O)

## Responsibility of caregivers

To ensure a safe environment for bus loading and unloading caregivers should:

- not park in bus bays
- adhere to the speed limit (20 km/h while passing a stationary school bus on either side of the road)
- try to eliminate the need for children to cross the road
- ensure that children get to and from the bus stop safely
- teach children to not run across the road

Please note: if you currently have a private arrangement with your bus operator, you will need to contact your bus operator to confirm that your arrangement will continue in 2022.

## School transport queries

If you have any queries about our school transport, please contact Mr Jeremy Marshall our Bus Controller. He can be contacted on 03 543 9492, [jeremymarshall@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:jeremymarshall@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz).

## Can Drive at Garin College - Serviens in Spe

How is Garin College meeting the needs of those in need through Christ? We have to act as gentle hearts and have courage which gives us the innovative and creative spirit to find effective solutions. Having courage means thinking big! (St Vincent de Paul)

We are asking our Garin community to bring in food items for St Vincent de Paul. This can be breakfast items, canned fruit, beans or toilet items to support those in our local community who ask us to be missionaries of hope.

**The Drive will last until the end of this week, the 17th November!**

**SERVING IN HOPE**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
FOOD DRIVE**



Items: pasta, crackers,  
canned fruit, canned  
vegetables, canned  
fish, plain biscuits, rice,  
cereal

**Tuesday 19th October -  
Wednesday 17th November**

Please bring your food items to your  
Whanau Class

**GENEROSITY AROHA RANGIMARIE INTEGRITY  
NEW LIFE**

# WELLBEING CORNER

Kia ora Garin whanau

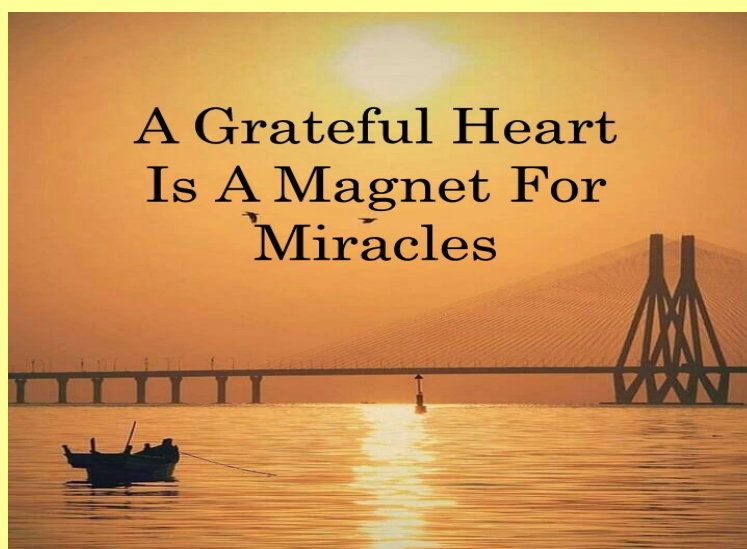
As we near the end of year, this is a time to reflect and be grateful. There have been many challenges this year. As with many challenges, they often cause stress, overload and burnout. They also provide lots of learning opportunities. These learning opportunities are often hiding something to be grateful for. They can teach us new things, help to reinforce coping strategies, and bring us closer to our loved ones. An attitude of gratitude means making a conscious habit to express thankfulness and appreciation for every part of your life. ... When you develop an attitude of gratitude you feel happier and more positive. Gratitude increases compassion and self-care. It also makes you grateful for the people and things that matter. Spending just 10 minutes a day being thankful can make all the difference. And remember, what you focus on, is what you put power into. Recognise the good, and watch the miracles happen.

Here are some ways to bring the gratitude into your focus

1. Write it down. Keep a gratitude journal. ...
2. Talk about it. Sharing what you are thankful for isn't just for Thanksgiving. ...
3. Practice mindfulness., take a break a few times a day. ...
4. Express it. ...
5. Seek it.

Kia ora

Julia Grigg  
Counsellor



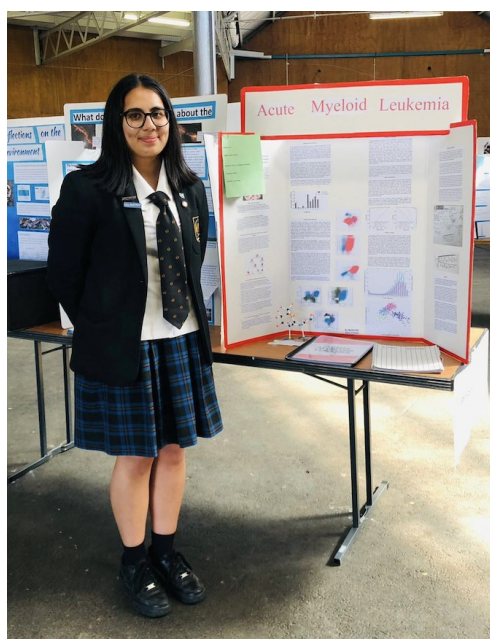
## CAWTHRON SCIENTIFIC EXPO



On October 29th, Malika Rai (yr 11) and Holly Butler (yr 10) represented Garin College at the Cawthron Scientific expo. The Scitec Expo is an annual school science fair for students (Years 1 – 13) throughout the Nelson Tasman region. Malika researched Acute Myeloid Leukemia and invented her own algorithm, 'Protomagnum Clustering'. Malika is now working along with Malaghan Institute of Medical Research from Wellington to further develop her algorithm. Holly presented her research about, What do Radio Waves tell us about the Universe? Holly won an award for 'best project related to radio waves' from the New Zealand Amateur Radio

Society. Both students agreed they both had a great time and both projects had a successful outcome.

*By Malika Rai*



## Steps to Learning Success

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### **A question you may have is - What is meant by "agency?"**

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As Garin learners prepare for external examinations we have created two resources to support them with their learning.

1. A Study guide that focuses on **systems & skills**. This has study techniques, study planner and habits along with helpful online resources. A link to our study guide is here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c7CImu9UtdlehU4DE2J0enjbRiN8EpVjYAAOYepeSNI/edit?usp=sharing>

2. The three steps to success which focus on **mindset**. This framework was created by Dr Ceri Evans who has worked with the All Blacks and corporate businesses on how to manage stressful situations. It focuses on a three step process - **1. Mindset 2. Systems 3. Skills**. A link to our "Three steps to success" is here:

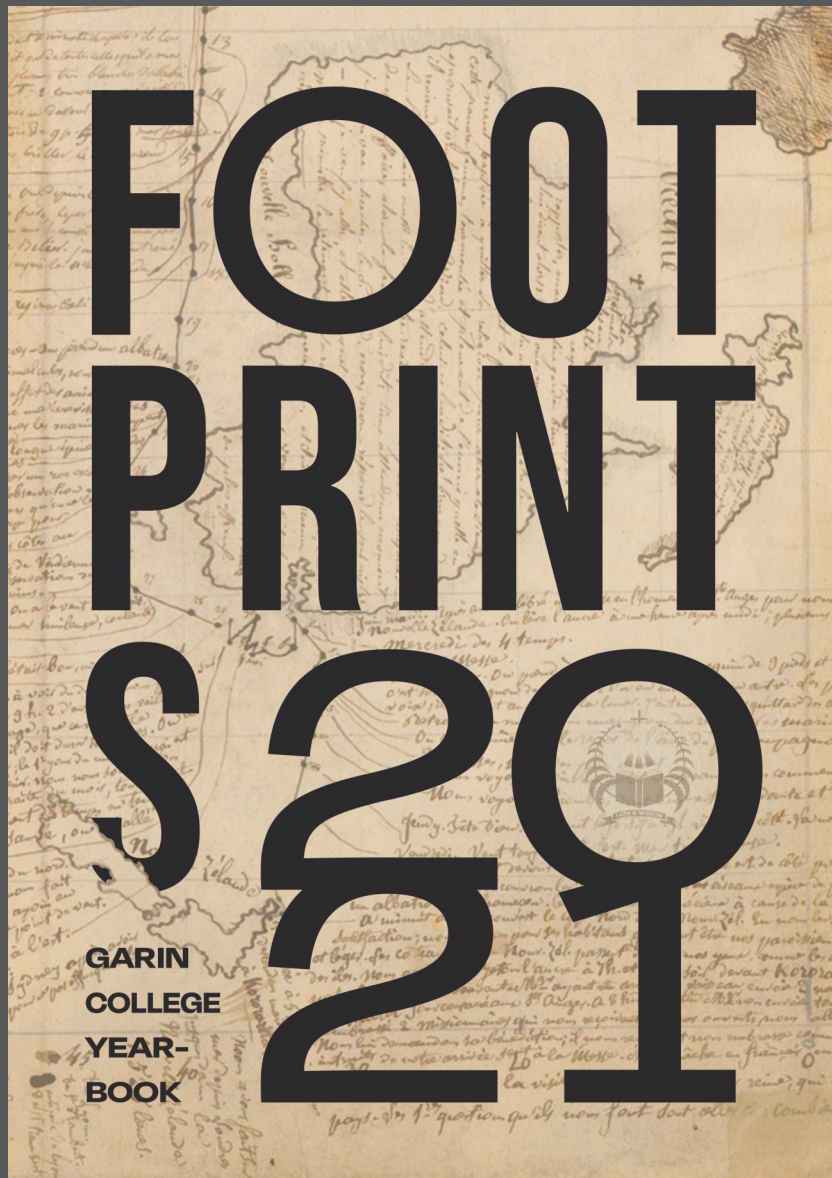
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Both of these strategies will enable our Senior learners to take agency by providing them with information, frameworks and resources that will enable them to take ownership of their learning supported by their teachers and Whanau.



Purchase your copy of the Garin magazine

'FootPrints' for \$20



This school magazine captures the highlights and events throughout 2021 and wow what a year it's been!

All Year 13 students will receive a magazine after prizegiving.

These will be charged to their account.

Please advise if you **do not** wish to receive one.

All orders can be made by email: [achieve@garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:achieve@garincollege.ac.nz)

or phone 543 9488.

**Orders due by Monday 15th November!**

# LIBRARY NEWS

“Books can enrich children’s lives beyond measure. Exposure to other people and cultures, whether directly or indirectly, does extraordinary things to children. It opens their heads and crams wonderful things inside. It relaxes their hearts, softens their emotional boundaries, and enriches their minds with alternative ways of thinking and being...”

In a world that so often teeters on intolerance and segregation, it’s vital for children to be exposed to different ways of thinking and being. It is also vital that this exposure happens at a young age and stretches across many and varied multicultural experiences; before time, world-weariness, and bias have a chance to take root.”

*Tania McCartney, from Connections Issue 97 (used with permission)*

Ngā mihi mahana

Mandy Ditzel  
Librarian



# SUMMER SCHOOL

 Te Kura

Tāpiri ki ō whiwhinga NCEA i te raumati  
Top up your NCEA credits

Kia tuihono tō ako ki Te Kura Raumati.  
Study online with Te Kura Summer School.

Don't let a few NCEA credits stop you from going on to further study, training or employment in 2022.

**Registrations open November 2021.**

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Please email [summerschool@tekura.school.nz](mailto:summerschool@tekura.school.nz) to enquire.

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# Information about COVID-19 Vaccinations in Education

## Reasons to get vaccinated

Vaccination is a simple, safe, and effective way of protecting you against harmful diseases, before you come into contact with them. It uses your body's natural defences to build resistance to specific infections and makes your immune system stronger.

Without vaccines, we're at risk of serious illness, disability or even death from diseases like the measles, meningitis, pneumonia, tetanus and polio – and now COVID-19.

Here are a few reasons why vaccinations are good – for everyone:

- they can prevent us from getting sick
- they are safe
- they can save lives
- they will not cause a disease they are designed to prevent
- they can help protect the community

prevention is much better than treatment.

In a nutshell, by getting vaccinated, we are protecting ourselves, our loved ones and those around us.

For COVID-19, most people aged 12 and over can be vaccinated in New Zealand, but those who cannot be depend on us to be vaccinated to help keep them safe.

These are the reasons the Government is requiring the education workforce to be vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

It's important to know that licensed vaccines have been rigorously tested across multiple phases before being approved for use.

[See more information on the Ministry of Health website.](#)

Here are some answers to common questions that may be helpful.

### How does the vaccine work?

The COVID-19 vaccine works by teaching your body to fight the virus and protects you from getting sick:

1. The vaccine sends a set of instructions to teach your body how to fight the COVID-19 virus.
2. With these instructions your body learns to recognise the COVID-19 virus and use antibodies against it. Antibodies stop the virus from infecting your cells and help to kill it. That means if you come into contact with the COVID-19 virus in the future, your body will have the right tools to protect itself so you are less likely to get sick.

### Is the vaccine safe?

The Pfizer vaccine has been thoroughly assessed for safety by our own Medsafe experts and international medical safety agencies.

The Pfizer vaccine is highly effective if people have both doses, including against the Delta variant. Studies show that once you are fully vaccinated you are far less likely to fall seriously ill and less likely to transmit the virus to others.

More information about vaccine safety and approval is in the [COVID-19:Vaccine safety and approval section](#) of the Ministry of Health website.

### Why was the COVID-19 vaccine developed so quickly?

There are many reasons COVID-19 vaccines were able to be made quickly.

- Scientists had a head start because of all the research already carried out on related viruses.
- Governments, private companies and funding agencies have spent a lot of money. This means more could be done in a short space of time.
- Researchers and governments from different countries shared information and worked together.
- More people than usual volunteered for clinical trials. Some clinical trials were done at the same time, instead of one after another.
- Large manufacturing plants were built so more vaccines can be made faster than was possible before. Researchers could show the vaccine worked sooner than usual, because there are so many cases of COVID-19.

### What can I expect when I get the vaccine?

You can book vaccine appointments:

online at [www.bookmyvaccine.nz](http://www.bookmyvaccine.nz)

- by phoning the COVID Vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26
- by contacting your doctor, pharmacy or other health provider directly to see if they are giving vaccines.

When you arrive to receive your vaccination, the vaccinator will offer you the opportunity to ask any questions.

You will need to relax and sit still. Some find it helpful to listen to music, or you may choose to have a support person with you.

The vaccinator will then inject the vaccine into your arm. You can look away or close your eyes if you need to. You may feel a pinch or scratch when the needle goes in.

You'll then be asked to get your second dose of the vaccine at least three weeks after your first dose.

### Are there any side effects?

The most common side effects are:

pain at the injection site  
headaches  
feeling a bit tired or fatigued.

These are usually mild and don't last long, and won't stop you from having a second dose or going about your everyday life.

You can find information on side effects and reactions to the vaccine in the [COVID-19:Vaccine side effects and reactions](#) section of the Ministry of Health website.

### Further information

The Unite against COVID website has a [COVID-19 vaccination: Your questions answered](#) page. Topics include how the vaccine was made so quickly, whether you can still get COVID-19 if you have the vaccine and what to expect when getting vaccinated.

The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC), an independent provider of evidence-based vaccine information in Aotearoa New Zealand, has [a new information hub](#) on its website for community groups, workplaces and anyone who wants to learn more about the vaccine and vaccination.

If you see something about COVID-19 or the vaccine that doesn't seem right or if it's on social media, you can report it to the platform. Anything else can be reported to [CERT NZ. Managing COVID-19 false and misleading information and scams](#) provides you with further information.