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All Blacks v Ireland

The All Blacks should name their lineup tomorrow and hopefully there will be no further disruptions. With Will Jordan, David Havili and Jack Goodhue already out due to covid, it would be a bit tricky to lose any further members of the team!

Ireland are a very different proposition to what they were in the past, and the sense is that the All Blacks are vulnerable ahead of the World Cup next year. This will be a real litmus test for the All Blacks, with the opportunity to see how they are tracking against one of the top nations right now.

There will be a significant Traffic Management Plan for this event which can be <u>viewed here</u>.

The best way to reach us during an event is to call our HOTLINE on 09 815 4820. To log an enforcement request or vehicle recovery, please call Auckland Transport on 09 355 3553.

School Balls at Eden Park

As you are likely to be aware, Eden Park is not accepting bookings for school balls. We wanted to update you on our reasons for making this decision as it was not based on an isolated incident. The decision was not made lightly and we know it has come as disappointing news to the students and the ball organisers of the secondary schools that had already booked their annual

school ball at Eden Park, however, we cannot compromise the safety of our staff or the students and teachers who attend the ball.

Before making this decision, we explored many options including whether requiring students to be bused to and from Eden Park would mitigate the behaviour, and we undertook a revised risk assessment which considered that because most of the behaviour occurs outside the venue and can involve people who may not be associated with the school, it is more challenging to mitigate. Despite the additional measures that were put in place to mitigate the risk of any disruptive behaviour occurring during the arrival and departure of the students, such as arranging increased security and working with each school to agree on event protocols including transportation, this behaviour has continued. While we appreciate this is not necessarily the conduct of the students themselves and we recognise it does not occur at every school ball, we believe it has reached a level which means we are not accepting bookings for school balls.

We completely understand how important these events are to students, particularly after the many cancelled events and rites of passage these students have endured over the past two years and our team have worked closely with the schools to find them alternative venues so their ball can still proceed. It is also deeply disappointing to us that the behaviour of a few people has now impacted a much wider group of young people.



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