

## **WELLINGTON STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY: how can we support you through the covid19 pandemic?**

In response to the unfolding, unpredictable covid19 situation, more than 350+ students in Wellington are ready to support members of their community who may be self-isolating.

Students will be offering to run errands for people who are self-isolating which they may not be able to do due to contact with the general public; this includes things like retrieving items which may not be deliverable online, posting mail, or just checking and connecting with people long-term to ensure they do not feel alone at this time of unprecedented uncertainty.

The Wellington Student Volunteer Army began in 2016 after the Kaikōura Earthquake. They were able to support communities by helping with the post-Earthquake clean up effort. The Coronavirus situation is very unique, and we are working closely with health professionals and Wellington Timebank to ensure we are not causing more harm.

**If you are self-isolating** due to concerns around the spread of coronavirus, and need assistance or support from a student on your street or in your neighbourhood, please visit [VUWSA.ORG.NZ/SVA](https://vuwsa.org.nz/sva) and fill out the request for support form. You will be contacted by a community leader within your neighbourhood.

You can LIKE the student volunteer army on Facebook to **stay up to date** with other support that may be offered: [FACEBOOK.COM/WELLYSVA](https://facebook.com/wellysva)

If you are a student who would like to join up and volunteer for those around you, please message the Wellington Student Volunteer Army Facebook Page.

**Community resilience** is essential right now, and the intention is that local connections made during this time will go on long after we get on top of covid19.

**Kia kaha, kia manawanui** - stay strong and remain steadfast.

Warm regards,

**Councillor Malcolm Sparrow**, Northern Ward, Portfolio Lead: Community Resilience  
**Councillor Tamatha Paul**, Lambton Ward, Portfolio Lead: Youth