



8 April 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

We finish term one in a context that we could not have imagined. As I reflect on this, I realised that even as recently as ten years ago it would not have been possible to run the “virtual” school in the way we have over the last month. Technology has been our friend, and as I say that, I want to acknowledge everyone for their “can do” attitude in making this work. Teachers in particular have had a steep learning curve.

Over the Easter Holidays and Term 1 break, we want this to be a time of reflection and refreshment. Therefore, there will be no planned distance learning classes.

While some Middle School students might have enrichment tasks like reading, research or minor project work and some Senior students may finish up assessments, chip away at on-going tasks or revise material covered in Term 1, it will be a slower and quieter pace.

House Video Challenges

A nationwide lockdown cannot prevent the Saint Kentigern House spirit from spilling out. As a display of support and connectedness our Houses have challenged each other to create the best House Video. Houses had to select a song of their choice and coordinate the creation of a music video which I have been nominated to judge. Below are the links to each House video for you all to view. The winner will be announced on the OLE notices tomorrow afternoon.

[Cargill House Video](#)

[Chalmers House Video](#)

[Hamilton House Video](#)

[Wishart House Video](#)

[Stark House Video](#)

[Wilson House Video](#)

Counselling Department

The Counselling Department at the College would like to advise parents and caregivers that the [Counselling OLE page](#) will be your main point of reference over the coming holiday period. This will be monitored regularly by staff for anyone referring their child to our services. On it you will find information, along with videos and links to helpful websites which may be of help during this time, particularly as it relates to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 event. Of particular help will be SchoolTV - our best resource online for parents and caregivers. This platform features special reports supporting parents in their role, including reports specifically addressing the COVID situation. A new report tackling the challenge of this event has been released just this week entitled Dealing with Disappointment. While we cannot stop the randomness and chaos of life events from happening, helping our young people navigate difficult life events during their adolescence effectively is an investment in better lifelong responses to the inevitability of bad news.

Chapel

Please [click here](#) to view Reverend Smith's Wednesday's Chapel service.

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Wearable Arts - 2020

Given that the Wearable Arts Show is scheduled for Term Three, the current plan is that this event will go ahead.

We know how important creativity is during times such as these and want to ensure the students still have these outlets outside their curriculum. So - continue to come up with awesome concepts and designs for your garments. Connect with your design team - chat through ideas, research your garment, consider health and safety, the size, shape, materials, message of your piece - get inspired and have fun!

A reminder of the deadlines:

Entries Close: Friday 29 May

Concept design: Friday 19 June. *Design concept due with a photo and/or clear sketch that shows planning and progress. This is a draft.*

Final commentary: Monday 3 August with Garment title.

All information, including registration/parental permission forms can be found on the [OLE homepage](#)

If we need to adjust the format of the competition so that it becomes 'virtual' we would do so nearer the time.

For many of our families this is a time of significant challenge. As a community we think of each other in our prayers and reflections.

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