

17 March 2020

**Dear Parents & Caregivers** 

Following on from my post on the College OLE page last night, I wanted to inform you of recent developments and decisions.

Below are key updates:

# **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)**

We are reviewing all sporting events, trips and curriculum activities with the likelihood of all non-essential trips being postponed or cancelled.

College Sport has advised of a number of cancellations and suspension and teams will be notified. Our Director of Sport is working with coaches with regard to upcoming sporting exchanges and events, and again, teams will be notified.

Unless otherwise advised by the coach or teacher in charge of a club, all games and activities continue as usual.

### **Assemblies & Sunday Chapel**

We have cancelled all our large Assemblies for the rest of term and our Sunday Chapels have also been cancelled (Chalmers & Hamilton).

## **Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews)**

Interim reports will be available to view on Thursday 19 March via the Parent Portal. While we had planned to follow these with Learning Conferences on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March, these are no longer sensible under current circumstances. Instead, Learning Conferences will run in Term 2 on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June. If you have any queries or concerns with regard to the interim grades, please contact the relevant teacher via email.

At this stage, Friday 27 March will still run as a Teacher Only Day. This will give staff the opportunity to review and create teaching and learning units to support online instruction if required.

#### **Senior School Musical - Chicago**

After review, it has been decided at this stage, to continue the production with an audience number reduced by two thirds (100 maximum per evening). Priority will be given to families with students actively involved in the show. There will be more details to follow and the current 'Event Brite' tickets will be refunded. We are also investigating the possibility of live streaming the performance for viewing by the wider community.

#### **College Bus Transport**

Our contracted bus company Howick & Eastern have already activated their established pandemic plan, which includes extra cleaning and filtration on the buses we contract for our students.

## **Schooltv Report**

Schooltv have put out a special report on Coronavirus – a Guide for Parents

In this Special Report, parents and caregivers will be provided with some guidelines on how best to approach this topic whilst still ensuring the wellbeing of their child.

https://saintkentigern.schooltv.me/wellbeing news/special-report-coronavirus

Advice continues to be that anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about your child, we urge you as parents to contact Healthline at 0800 611116 or call your GP for medical advice. In everyone's best interest we would like students to only visit the health centre where urgent medical attention is required.

Please keep monitoring the OLE for relevant updates and we expect to send out a wider Saint Kentigern communication from the Head of Saint Kentigern by the end of the week.

Thank you for your continued support in this challenging situation.

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