

17 March 2020

Dear Senior School families

As you are well aware, the school is taking the COVID-19 virus seriously and acting upon the latest Commonwealth and State government recommendations. Today, at a school leadership meeting, several decisions were reached that have implications for your student(s) who attends the Senior School.

There are significant changes for Term 1 that you need to be aware of (if you have other children in the Middle and/or Junior schools, please expect an email from Paul Mills acting for Jonathan Carpenter or Helen Vonow, who will detail the changes that relate to their respective sub school). If we need to make changes for Term 2, you will be informed.

- All excursions are cancelled for Term 1 across all subject areas. This also affects SACSA and sporting events.
- The Year 12 Formal has been cancelled for the end of this term and we have managed to secure an alternative date for Friday the 25 September, Week 10, Term 3 after mock exams. This will take place at Morphettville Race Course but in the Phar Lap room. Further details will be provided presuming that it will be safe to proceed with the event.
- The year 11 camps have been cancelled. Although we would like to hold them later on, as we cannot predict government and health recommendations in the future, I can make no assurances of these camps taking place in 2020.
- All international travel has been cancelled for staff and students in 2020, including the Vietnam Cambodia trip.
- Sports Day, which was scheduled for this Friday, has been postponed and modified. Daryl Porter (the Head of PE/Sport) is currently coming up with a round-robin style sports day which he is proposing to hold on Friday 27 March (next week). This Sports Day will be held on campus, with the Middle School participating in the morning and the Senior School in the afternoon.
- Year 10 Work Experience has been cancelled and alternative assignments will be organised.
- Parent Teacher Interviews (Mon 23/3 and Tues 24/3) are still going ahead, however, will happen in a modified manner to ensure social distancing, which means that staff will be located in various rooms in the main building rather than in the EPAC.
- The Afterschool MakerSpace program and Afterschool DancePprogram are still continuing, as they are held at school with just Emmaus students and staff present.
- Autumn Instrumental and Generations in Jazz are cancelled.
- VET students are advised not to attend external courses this week. This will be reviewed at the end of the week by Cathy Torjul who will advise the affected families directly.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

Kind Regards

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Head of Senior School