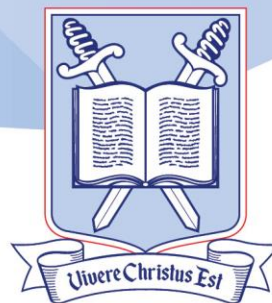


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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Re: COVID-19 Update.

Since my last letter, much has changed in Australia as a result of timely decisions made by State and Federal governments. For St Paul's there has also been some decisions made as a response to these government regulations and suggestions. I suspect that more decisions will need to be made in the coming weeks as the landscape continues to evolve.

For our community, the following decisions have been made:

1. NO Full School Assemblies.

This is a NSW Department of Education directive and we have chosen to follow this advice. Students will attend Care Group classes in Assembly time. There will be no Assembly at the conclusion of sport on Fridays. Students will be supervised in the yard and then released to catch transport home.

2. As part of our Friday sport program, a group visits a Local Nursing Home. This activity has been cancelled and an alternative activity will replace it.

3. Our Open Evening this Thursday has been cancelled. We have taken advice from the Catholic Schools Office and we feel that given the level of concern within the community, this gathering is probably unwise. People who wish to make a tour booking during the day can contact the College Office to make arrangements.

4. The Year 7 2021 Information Evening to be held next Monday 23rd March has also been postponed until next term (date to be decided).

5. All excursions have been cancelled. We feel that excursions off-campus are not wise at the moment and that alternative arrangements to access curriculum will be explored.

6. The Year 10 Challenge Camp has been postponed until a date later in the year. We are currently negotiating another date and will be communicating this to Year 10 parents as soon as we can. Money already paid will be credited off the current school fees or if other arrangements are preferable, we ask Year 10 parents to contact the College via email.

7. **The Anti-Bullying Day** organised for Tuesday 17 March (tomorrow) has been postponed until next term. Students are to wear normal school uniform and make normal arrangements for lunch and recess.

Some parents have applied for leave for their children from school as they have made arrangements to travel overseas. I ask that these families follow the government guidelines and self-isolate for 14 days once they return from overseas. Please see www.smarttraveller.gov.au for further advice.

We continue to run classes as normal. Incursions will also continue but we are making adjustments inline with advice. I do ask that if your child or anyone in your family develops any symptoms that cause you concern, that you err on the side of caution and keep your child at home as well as seek medical advice.

We are constantly reminding students of good hygiene practices. If you are able to supply hand sanitizer to your child for personal use, that would be much appreciated.

As I said at the beginning of this letter, the landscape is changing every hour! We will continue to respond with caution and care for the wellbeing of all our community. I thank you for your patience and support during these trying times.

Yours sincerely



Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal