

16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In light of the recent escalation of government measures to prevent community transmission of COVID-19, the Colleges have made the decision to postpone all Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Conferences until next term.

Currently, we are also reviewing student involvement in our co-curricular programmes. Due to the inability to ensure the recommended social distancing in the Music ensemble practice areas, these rehearsals are cancelled from Tuesday 17 March 2020 until further notice. With respect to other co-curricular activities, we continue to consult with, and are guided by, internal and external governing bodies. We will continue to monitor and provide updates as required.

The Colleges have detailed plans in place in the event of a school closure in the weeks ahead. If families choose to self-isolate before we are directed to close or have a confirmed case in the community, then we will respect this decision in the best interests of the family's health. While schools remain open, staff will endeavour to provide some ongoing learning activities. In the event of a full school closure, remote learning will become a teacher's primary method of instruction.

The Colleges' response to COVID-19 focuses on containment, and we continue to ask all families to pay extra attention to health and hygiene measures employed at home with your children, particularly the use of soap and hand sanitiser. You can be assured we are reinforcing this message at school. Our decisions are all about supporting a national effort to contain and slow the spread of COVID-19; each one of us plays a vital role in this effort. May we please reinforce that students must not attend school if they are unwell.

We thank you for your ongoing support for, and cooperation with, the Colleges as they initiate this precautionary measure to manage the emerging COVID-19 situation in both our schools. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Directors and Coordinators of co-curricular activities.

Kind regards,



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