



## *From the Principal*

23 March 2020

### **Update #8 - COVID-19**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over the weekend the Federal and State Governments made further statements on society-wide changes to combat the transmission of COVID-19. Included in these statements was a clear Government position that schools, except in Victoria and the ACT, would remain open until the end of term. In Queensland, that is the end of next week.

The College remains open and will continue to be so until directed otherwise by authorities. At the same time, numerous parents have chosen to keep their sons at home today and there is a significant increase in the numbers of absentees. The College is respectful of parents' decisions in this regard, particularly for our boarding families.

However, should parents make the decision to withdraw their son from school for all or part of the time, between now and next Friday, please be aware of your responsibilities to provide supervision for him, and to ensure that directives around social distancing are being followed. Further to that, school will continue and I would ask students to check their google accounts for school work or that parents contact his teachers via email. The College is not currently positioned to provide online teaching but we are preparing to do so should there be an extended closure in the future.

It is evident that the current situation may well change dramatically and rapidly depending on the latest health advice. The College continues to monitor the situation and will advise parents of further changes as soon as it is prudent to do so.

#### **Assessment**

In light of the continued uncertainty, higher than usual absentee rates due to self-isolation, and the departure of a significant proportion of our boarding community, the College has decided to cancel all examinations next week (30 March to 3 April 2020). Please note the following:

- The Year 12 General, Methods and Specialist Mathematics examinations (IA2) have been postponed. The College will reschedule these exams in Term 2 once we assess the impact of disruptions and receive advice from the QCAA.
- Year 11 completed examinations on Friday 13 March 2020 and are not immediately affected.
- All Year 7 to 10 examinations are cancelled.

Each Head of Faculty will advise students about changes to assessment. Evidence of learning already collected will be used to determine progress in some instances. Alternate or formative types of assessment may replace an examination. These will be included in our *Learning@Home* initiative over the coming weeks. Please refer to the communication sent from the Learning and Teaching office earlier today detailing our *Learning@Home* program. [Covid-Update: Learning@Home Information](#)

***Pupil Free Day***

A reminder that Wednesday 25 March is a day for teachers to work on the development of the online curriculum and course content. Arrangements are in place to actively supervise and teach our boarders as well as the sons of any families that cannot supervise their sons on Wednesday. To register for this please check the materials sent earlier today.

In conclusion, I am very mindful of the stress and anxiety of the current situation at every level of society. Small acts of kindness and thoughtfulness go a long way to improving the immediate world of those around us during such times. In the Nudgee College context, I am particularly grateful for the generous and dedicated work of all staff across the College. The teachers are the face of this for many boys and I would request that parents extend patience and thankfulness to their son's teachers for their efforts.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Fullagar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Fullagar  
Principal