



St Patrick's College
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Dear Parent/Guardian

From the Office of the Principal

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Monday 16 March Update

The College's leadership is prioritising the health and safety of all in our College community in relation to the threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are also committed to doing all that we can to ensure the continuity and quality of teaching and learning.

The Coronavirus threat is unprecedented and fast-moving territory for all of us. Please be reassured that we are reviewing the advice coming from government, collaborating with other schools and Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) and seeking expert advice to ensure we respond accordingly.

Following advice from health officials, the Tasmanian Government has asked schools to adopt a number of social distancing measures as a precaution to reduce potential exposure to Coronavirus.

If a member of your family is suspected of, or diagnosed with having Coronavirus, please place all surrounding family members in isolation and inform the College. Please advise us that this illness is suspected or diagnosed Coronavirus as soon as possible as the College needs to respond accordingly for the health and safety of all our community.

St Patrick's College has implemented a normal tutor and 6 period day until further notice, therefore there will be no extra or cocurricular activities at the College. Some events will be cancelled outright, while others will be postponed and rescheduled.

The College acknowledges that these changes will be disappointing for a number of parents and students and we are endeavouring to find alternate ways to recognise the endeavours and achievements of students and to reschedule other important events where possible.

The cancellation of the following event is confirmed:

- St Patrick's Day Mass/Cup

The following events have been postponed and may be rescheduled or cancelled:

- Investiture of the Student Executive
- Year 9 Rite Journey Calling Ceremonies
- Year 7 2021 Parent Information Evening
- Year 9 Swimming Carnival
- NSATIS, SSATIS and JSATIS events in Term One
- Schoolbox Assistance Evening for Parents
- Middle School Athletics Carnival
- Croagh Patrick Athletics Carnival
- Year 11 Futures Day



- Year 11 and Year 12 Retreats
- Assemblies
- Ascent Camps, Expeditions and Activities

Additional events may also need to be cancelled or postponed and we will continue to keep you informed of any changes. We are awaiting further advice from state and federal governments and CET as to whether we can continue small group training and activities, even though some of the competitions have been suspended. Student wellbeing is at the forefront of our thinking and we are investigating ways in which we can engage them in other activities.

We have had a number of enquiries around school closure and I must reiterate we will be following instructions from the CET who will gain their information from the state and federal government agencies. Should the College need to close for a period of time, I want to assure you that we are finalising plans for moving to an online, remote learning environment.

We will continue to communicate with our parent community in regards to any developments and I emphasise the importance of regularly checking your emails and the College Instagram and Facebook pages to ensure you receive any important updates. In addition, you can refer to the College website (www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/health) to access copies of letters that have previously been distributed.

Kind regards,



Mr Tony Daley
Principal

cc. Parents/Guardians of Co-op students

