

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I understand that this is a difficult time as we face the challenges of COVID-19 in South Australia. Please be assured that the College continues to follow excellent practices and processes to ensure the safety of our community. I thank you for your support as we make the necessary decisions to end the year well and safely. Following recent announcements by the Premier, Steven Marshall, the College has reviewed all events scheduled for the final weeks of the school year.

Year 12 Matters

Sadly, yesterday we needed to postpone the Year 12 End of Year Mass for parents. Since this time, the Adelaide Convention Centre has also announced its closure until the end of November. This impacts our Year 12 Graduation Ball, originally scheduled for next Tuesday 24 November. It is our hope that we will combine these two events.

The College has made some alternative arrangements and booked Monday 7 December at the Adelaide Convention Centre for the Graduation Ball, merged with awards, and the traditional rose ceremony. Our intention is to make this celebration special and memorable for the Class of 2020. **Should SA Health advise that this is not viable, we will explore the possibility of moving the Graduation Ball to another date in early 2021.**

At this stage, Year 12 Waltz practices for the Graduation Ball have now been rescheduled for Wednesday 2 December and Thursday 3 December at 7:00 pm. Before the practices, from 5:30 pm until 6:45 pm, Year 12 parents are invited to view their daughter's final art and design pieces which will be on display in the St Mary's Cloister area. Numbers will be limited to six people viewing the exhibition at any one time.

Year 10 and 11 Matters

Year 10 and 11 students are currently completing their Semester 2 examinations. This process will proceed as normal. The College has decided that the last formal day for all Year 10 and 11 students is this Friday 20 November. All Year 10 and 11 students are required to attend the College on this day.

Year 10 students will attend school on this day as normal, from 8:40 am until 3:25 pm.

Year 11 students with an examination, will attend as scheduled. This will be followed by a compulsory session for all Year 11 students from 10:40 am until 12:00 noon. Additionally, Year 11 into Year 12 (2021) Preliminary Lessons will still take place on Tuesday 24 November. Students have received a timetable and information regarding these introductory lessons.

*****Please Note: No Year 10 to 12 students will attend the Assembly on Friday 4 December.*****

Little Doms to Year 9 Matters

Chief Medical Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier is encouraging people to limit their movements at this time. For this reason, the College has made the following decisions;

- All excursions and activity days are cancelled and are replaced with on-site learning.
- All incursions will take place as normal. This includes Growth Mindset Day etc.
- Friday morning Chapel Masses are restricted to students and staff only.
- For the remainder of this year, Saturday Morning Sport programs will no longer run, and this includes trainings.
- Junior School liturgies, assemblies and the Twilight evening will be run during normal school hours. Thank you for understanding that visitors and parents will be unable to attend.
- Year 7 (2021) Transition Days will continue from 2021. No further transition days will take place in 2020.
- All private instrumental and voice tuition lessons are postponed.
- Year 6 Graduation and the Children's University celebration are under review. Both events are likely to proceed in some format. More details to come.

As we navigate this turn of events, we pray for those impacted directly by the COVID-19 pandemic. We give thanks for our front-line responders and contact tracing teams, who are working tirelessly to keep South Australia safe.

As always, I will endeavour to keep you updated as significant news comes to hand. I assure you that all our decision making to date, is driven by keeping our community and your daughters safe, supported and engaged in their learning.

Kindest regards,

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