



18 August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

The following changes to College events and routines must occur effective from tomorrow 19 August:

1. **NCIS Sport**
All NCIS sport is off for the rest of this term. Decisions will be made regarding Term 4 events at the NCIS calendar meeting scheduled for 14 September.
2. **Friday Afternoon Sport**
Friday afternoon sport for Years 7-10 will be modified so that students participate in their Stage only. This is due to schools being asked to reduce mixing of students across cohorts.
3. **Choirs and Group Singing**
All choirs are to be put on hold for the remainder of this term and will hopefully resume in Term 4 once restrictions are loosened.
4. **Concert Band and Concert Band Tuition**
Concert Band will be on hold for the rest of this term as wind instruments are not allowed to be played in group settings. Therefore, there will be no morning Concert Band rehearsals for the rest of this term. Group lessons will be reorganised to individual lessons of a shorter duration. Students will also be supported by tutor created resources and lessons located on OPUS.

Years 3-6 Concert Band classes will continue without instruments.
5. **Peripatetic Music Tuition**
This program will be on hold for the rest of this term as Music Tutors are considered non essential visitors to the school and the program may continue at student homes or via Zoom.
6. **Year 11 and Year 12 Retreats**
These can go ahead, as day events in our local area are allowed under the guidelines and we are the sole users of the venues that these are being held at.
7. **Year 12 Graduations, Formals, Student Events, Socials**
These are all cancelled for the remainder of this term and we have an alternative plan in place for Term 4. We will keep Year 12 parents updated regarding these events.
8. **Primary Peer Support**
Primary Peer Support will be on hold for the rest of the term.
9. **Assemblies, Chapels**
These will continue to be virtual events for the remainder of Term 3.



10. Interhouse Cross Country

This will go ahead, but students will need to be segregated in order to reduce mixing across year levels.

11. Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp will be cancelled for this year due to the high probability of Queensland border restrictions continuing.

12. Year 6 Camp

Year 6 Camp is on hold at present but if border restrictions in Queensland are not lifted then it will be cancelled as well. We will let Year 6 parents know as soon as possible regarding the status of the Year 6 camp.

13. Excursions and Visitors to the College

Only excursions that are directly curriculum related will go ahead for the remainder of Term 3. All visitors to the College will be required to sign in, observe social distancing and good hygiene practices as a condition of entry to the College. Parents are still not permitted on the College grounds unless they have an arranged appointment regarding their child's welfare.

Finally, I would ask all parents to continue to social distance from one another during drop off and pick up time and to practice good hygiene by washing and sanitising their hands.

I realise that this may seem like a step back in terms of our progress towards returning to a more normal schooling experience for your children, however, I assure you that we will all work together to make the best of the situation. I thank you all for your understanding and support which are so important at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Darren Parks
Acting Principal