



Monday 16th March

Dear parents and families,

In the unfamiliar and uncomfortable territory in which we find ourselves, we are writing to you to outline the current changes for schools and the ways in which the school program will be altered in the coming weeks to support our students and our community.

School to remain open and classes to continue

Firstly, and most importantly, the current advice is that the school is to remain open and classes will continue. At present, there are no public school closures in Victoria and no plans to do so. We have been advised that individual schools will be supported should a person within that school be found to have tested positive for COVID19. In the event that the school were to close for a period of time, accommodations would be made to support students studying from home. This may be in the form of project work or other classwork communicated through students' usual Google Classroom portals, accessible with any web-enabled device.

Camps and excursions beyond the local area to be cancelled for the foreseeable future

The following events will be affected by these cancellations and refunds will be provided as appropriate:

HSSSD Athletics (Tuesday 17th March)

Interschool Swimming (Friday 20th March)

Year 7 Camp (Wednesday 25th March - Friday 27th March)

The arrangements for the October Central Australia Camp have not yet been decided.

Limited excursions within the local area will proceed

A small number of classes have scheduled excursions to sites within close proximity of the school - these will go ahead. The planned VCAL excursions to aged care facilities will not go ahead.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews and Year 7 Information Session to be postponed

The Parent/Student/Teacher interviews and Year 7 Information Session scheduled for this week *will not* go ahead. Classes will run as per the normal timetable, including the VET classes.

Conditions of visiting the school

Parents, carers, relatives or friends of your children who are returning from overseas travel are required to self-isolate; they must not visit the school to pick up children or for any other reason.

In case of illness

We ask that, in line with usual expectations, you keep your children at home if they are unwell. If children or family members have contact with a known case of COVID19 or if they test positive for COVID19, we ask that you remain at home and make immediate contact with the school on 03 5595 1202.

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Practicing good hygiene

We have placed reminder posters in all of our classrooms regarding good hygiene practices.

School Council

The School Council meeting scheduled for Monday 23rd March will not go ahead.

Above all, we ask that you take care of yourselves and each other in these challenging times. We will continue to update our school community as information comes to hand.

Kind regards,



Rohan Keert
Principal



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Assistant Principal