



26 March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Information Letter 5

Dear members of our All Souls St Gabriels School Community,

Our Senior Leadership Team have met and discussed the announcement this morning regarding student-free days in schools next week and the provision of services for children of 'essential workers' by the Queensland Government.

On advice from Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ), All Souls St Gabriels School moves to a student-free status from the start of Monday 30 March 2020.

ISQ are currently seeking clarification regarding the definition of 'essential workers'.

Please be advised that the **Junior School Cross Country event has been brought forward and will now take place tomorrow, Friday 27 March 2020 - starting at 9.00am.**

We recognise the importance of continuing to provide services for members of our School Community. We also acknowledge the need for continuity of pastoral care and wellbeing for our all members of our School Community. Wendy Fleming (Dean of Students), in consultation with members of the Pastoral Care Team, will be providing additional support and information in due course.

Teaching staff are continuing to plan for a possible blend of on-campus and off-campus learning to take place next term. Alterations to academic programs for Term 2 will be published by Tina Akers (Head of Junior School) and Ian Dietrich (Deputy Headmaster and Academic Dean) in due course.

The School is finalising plans for a complete deep clean of all learning spaces, common gathering spaces, offices and boarding houses during the holidays. We have received the advice from government authorities regarding the processes, products and personal protective equipment (PPE) to use whilst this is taking place.

We acknowledge the huge impact recent decisions have had upon the workforce. If your personal circumstances have changed, please contact the School to discuss your situation.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) continue to meet regularly to act accordingly upon advice, guidance and directives from the Queensland Health Department and Federal Government Authorities associated with this situation.



Further advice and information about the coronavirus is available on the Qld Health website:
<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/838/novel-coronavirus>

Whilst it has been a challenging term for our School Community for many reasons, we continue to hold true to the strength that our collective support provides. Your continued prayers at this time are greatly appreciated.

Please continue to correspond with Jon Teichmann as our main contact (School COVID-19 Liaison Officer) regarding this unfolding situation. If you have any questions regarding the information included in this letter, please contact Jon (07) 4788 2210 or via email jteichmann@allsouls.qld.edu.au

Regards,

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Headmaster