

29 March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Information Letter 6

Dear members of our All Souls St Gabriels School Community,

All Souls St Gabriels School is student-free from Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April 2020. Friday remains a 'travel day' in our calendar.

As per the directive from the Queensland Government, adult supervision will be provided for children of 'essential workers'. No curriculum delivery will be taking place. According to the press release from the Prime Minister:

While the medical advice remains that it is safe for children to go to school, to assist with the transition underway in our schools to the new mode of operation we ask that only children of workers for whom no suitable care arrangements are available at home to support their learning, physically attend school. This is vital to ensure that no parent should be forced to choose between their employment and the children's education.

If you feel your family fits this definition, supervision for your enrolled children is available. Otherwise, the government directive is for family members to stay at home.

All students are to wear PE uniform for these days.

Junior School students should line-up, as normal, outside of their classroom when the bell goes. Junior School lunch for Dining Hall Students will be 'take away'.

Senior School students will gather at the Old Gym when the bell goes. Meal arrangements in the Senior School are as per normal routine.

Our Junior and Senior School teachers will be using these student-free days to continue planning for our adjusted pastoral and academic programs in Term 2. Pastoral Care information and reminders of support mechanisms will be published in the next edition of our newsletter. Academic information will be published via separate correspondence for Junior and Senior School.

We continue to follow the government's advice to instigate 'proportionate measures' at school to control the spread of this virus.

To consider the health and well-being of our entire School community, we respectfully ask families who are unwell not to enter the School campus.

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



Again, we stress that if your personal circumstances have changed due to this coronavirus, please contact the School to discuss your 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>.

It was great to catch-up with many in our School Community at the recent Junior School and Senior School Cross Country events. These two events allowed many of our students the chance to release pressure from a stressful end to a long term. Congratulations to all involved and thanks to a great team of staff for finalising preparations for both events in a shorter timeframe than was originally planned. We especially thank all students and parents who followed social distancing protocols and the additional hygiene measures we have put in place on campus.

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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