



9 April 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Information Letter 7

Dear members of our All Souls St Gabriels School Community,

Our Senior Leadership Team continue to meet and respond to Government announcements associated with COVID-19 during this school break.

We understand that the Queensland Government will be making an education-specific announcement on Tuesday 14 April. Our meetings have discussed multiple scenarios for teaching, learning and boarding in Term 2 in preparation for this announcement. We will be meeting next week to finalise these points following any announcement.

At this point, we are planning for (from the start of Term 2):

- **Junior School and Senior School classes to be delivered in a blended curriculum mode (on & off campus); and**
- **Boarding to be open in some capacity.**

Definitions of eligible students for on-campus teaching, learning and boarding will be provided in our next information letter, based on Government announcements.

These arrangements will require some alterations to staff allocations and general routines, dependent upon future Government directions and the actual number of students on-campus for the term. These discussions will continue next week, and an information letter will be distributed.

In the meantime, we felt it was necessary to keep you informed of the only education-specific announcement since our last information letter. This referred to the Year 12 cohort for this year. The Federal Education Minister spoke on behalf of the Education Council via a Ministerial Press Release:

A message for Year 12 students

The work you will do in Year 12 this year is incredibly important and your results will be as valuable as any previous year.

COVID-19 will take a lot from our nation but it won't take all your hard work over your years of education.

*All education ministers met today through Education Council and we agreed that **Year 12 students will get a leaving certificate for 2020. There will be no Year 13. There will be no mass repeating of Year 12.***

We want Year 12 students to finish their education and next year go to university, undertake vocational training or enter the workforce.

Each state and territory is responsible for their government schools and is also responsible for awarding senior secondary certificates in their jurisdiction.

It was agreed that every state and territory would follow national principles to support local decisions.



Boarding families will be contacted next week regarding arrangements for Term 2.

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>.

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

As we all take time this week to celebrate Easter in a different way, we remember the importance of these events in the Christian calendar. Happy Easter.

Regards,

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Headmaster