

5 May 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Information Letter 9

Dear members of our All Souls St Gabriels School Community,

Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) have met today to discuss the implications of recent announcements and guidance from various authorities.

Following the Queensland Government's education-specific announcement on Monday 4 May and recent Federal Government announcements and directives, the SLT have discussed processes and procedures surrounding teaching, learning and boarding. The main points of the State Government announcement can be found in an informative set of "Frequently Asked Questions" provided on the Education Queensland website:

<https://qed.qld.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/novel-coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-for-parents>

All Souls St Gabriels School will abide by State & Federal Government directives and implement the following course of action for various year levels.

- **Pre-Prep, Prep & Year 1**

- from Monday 11 May, deliver teaching and learning activities in the classroom. Where parents elect to keep Junior School students at home, we will continue to provide resources in a reduced capacity.

- **Years 2-10**

- continue to deliver teaching and learning activities in the classroom and via online platforms for students who meet the government's criteria (essential workers* / vulnerable students*), this includes physical classroom supervision as well as teaching and learning activities supporting the online curriculum for students (*see definition in "Frequently Asked Questions").

- **Years 11 & 12**

- from Monday 11 May, deliver teaching and learning activities in the classroom.
- continue to support students unable to physically attend school via online platforms.

We strongly encourage ALL students in Years 11 & 12 to return to school (and boarding if necessary) for the start of classes, Monday 11 May.

We have received clarification that our boarding operations can continue in a **limited capacity**. (See the specific boarding section at the end of this letter.) **Please note, at this time, priority will be given to students in Years 11 & 12 to enable them to return to classroom learning as directed by the Queensland Government.**

To meet our health and safety obligations, boarding students in Years 6 to 10 wishing to return to residential facilities MUST seek permission from the School prior to finalising travel arrangements.



We understand that, while there is a gradual transition to full 'classroom only' learning in all Queensland schools, this may not be possible for some of our Senior School students. This will include Senior School students in remote community lock-downs, inter-state based students and students 'learning at home' due to medical advice. For this reason, we may need to continue with a blended curriculum delivery mode in the Senior School for the remainder of this term; however, the emphasis for teaching staff will begin to move toward face-to-face learning with continued support for students 'learning from home'. This online support will continue to include learning activities via Google classroom, recorded teaching sessions and Zoom lessons where this has been the routine in subjects for the first part of this term. Paper packages will still be available for students unable to access online learning activities.

These arrangements in classes and boarding will require some alterations to staff allocations and general routines, dependent upon future Government directives and the actual number of students on-campus for the term.

Junior School and Senior School Academic Reporting for this semester / unit will also be adjusted according to Queensland and Federal Government guidelines. Mrs Tina Akers and Mr Ian Dietrich will advise families via the next School Newsletter regarding these adjustments.

To ensure the safety of all at School, as staff and students return to school (for the first time this term) they will be directed to answer a series of questions in a checklist provided by Queensland Health. Paper copies are available at the main offices in Junior and Senior School as well as in dormitories. A copy of the checklist was provided with our Information Letter No.8. **This checklist must be completed upon arrival & BEFORE moving to classrooms, boarding facilities and staffrooms.**

Again, we stress that if your personal circumstances have changed due to COVID-19, please contact the School to discuss your situation.

Further advice and information about COVID-19 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

We believe we are well placed to continue to provide teaching, learning, boarding and pastoral support through a range of traditional and new modes during Term 2.

Regards,

Darren Fleming
Headmaster



All Souls St Gabriels School Boarding in Term 2

(updated 5 May 2020)

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and Queensland Health have provided guidance regarding Boarding Schools. The SLT have met and discussed arrangements that will need to take place in our boarding operations to provide a safe boarding experience under the health and wellbeing guidelines during this time.

Accommodation arrangements

- Not all dormitories are currently in use.
- To adhere to health and safety requirements, total numbers of students will be limited – not all beds in all bays are able to be used.
- All boarders will be allocated a designated shower and toilet – as advised by Queensland Health.

Cleaning

- To be able to operate boarding, we have complied with the guideline of introducing the cleaning and hygiene measures recommended by Health authorities.
- Dormitory bathrooms, lounges and kitchen areas will have additional cleaning on a regular basis.

Day / Boarding interactions

- All boarding students leave day school equipment outside the dormitory.
- Any day school equipment (eg laptops) is wiped down as it enters the dormitory.
- Students returning to boarding in the afternoon, shower and change into day clothes before afternoon activities.

Social Interactions

- We will continue to abide by social interaction public directives by limiting off-campus community members access to the boarding houses.

Leave

- All leave will be heavily restricted and will be at the discretion of the Head of Boarding.

Recreation Activities

- We continue to seek further clarification regarding the possibilities to provide additional recreations activities for all students.

Illness

- In the event of illness, we will be following our usual processes – including contacting parents. This may involve parents being directed to collect their child.