

18 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We write with a further update on the coronavirus (COVID-19), and the College's plans in the event of a school closure.

As you would be aware, the latest information we have received today from the Australian Government is that schools should remain open. We are conscious that there are widespread concerns regarding school closure and COVID-19, and we are responding to the latest advice from authorities.

As a response to announcements made this morning, and further to our recent communications, we now provide this update regarding action being taken for the health and wellbeing of staff and students.

School Events

Given current Government advice, a range of scheduled events for the remainder of Term 1 have been postponed or cancelled. We will continue to communicate with affected students and families if further cancellations or postponements are required.

Events currently not proceeding as scheduled include:

- All camps and excursions for the remainder of Term 1
- 140 Year Celebration (Sunday 22 March)
- Assemblies
- Walkathon (Friday 8 May)
- Senior Formal (Friday 8 May)

Where possible, these events will be rescheduled to a later date.

Continuity of Learning

We are currently committed to providing face-to-face lessons in the classroom as well as supporting those students who are working from home. We ask for your understanding as teachers attend to the needs of all students. Teachers will respond to requests for assistance or resources as quickly as possible in these circumstances.

In the event of a school closure, the following plans for student learning are in place:

- For Reception – Year 2 students, please refer to the email from teachers regarding work that can be completed.
- Year 3 – 12 students will be able to access lesson content via SEQTA Learn and/or Sharepoint (Primary students only). Students and teachers will also be able to communicate via email.
- Flexibility within the curriculum allows for changes to assessment tasks and deadlines, and we will ensure that no student is disadvantaged.
- The Learning Support team and the English as an Additional Language team are on hand to continue to support students remotely.



Students with Medical Concerns

As always, our advice to students who are showing flu-like symptoms is to stay at home and recover to avoid the spread of illnesses (not just COVID-19).

Students with underlying health conditions should take advice from their treating health professionals. We respect parent decisions in regard to school attendance.

School Closure Protocol

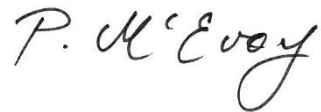
In the event of a school closure we will immediately communicate via text message and email to parents and caregivers. It is essential that your contact details are up to date in our system. Please contact the Front Office if you need to update your details.

Primary students will need to be collected from their teacher. No OSHC services will be available in the event of a closure.

Secondary students will be dismissed. Please have a conversation with your child about the arrangements for getting home from school in this situation.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time. Our partnership in caring for the students of St Aloysius College remains our highest priority.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. McEvoy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'y' at the end.

Paddy McEvoy

(On behalf of the College Leadership Team)