

20 August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we progress through Term 3 we are evaluating the viability of some key events on the calendar scheduled for both the remainder of Term 3 and into Term 4 this year. Our staff have worked tremendously to secure bookings for many of the events that had been postponed from Terms 1 and 2 and, as you would understand, we do proceed with caution. Whilst we remain optimistic of the chance to undertake such events and activities to enhance and enrich the learning experiences and extra-curricular engagement of our students, we must balance this with a safety-first approach and comply with government advice.

Accordingly, there have been some changes to whole school events which include the following:

- **Athletics Day**
The SANTOS Stadium facility is unable to cater for our needs given the size of our student body and staff. As such, the Athletics Day will be limited to Year 6 to Year 12 students and will remain as scheduled on Thursday 3 September. Reception to Year 5 students will have a regular school day on this day and will have the opportunity to participate in year level Athletics Day events during PE Week in Term 4.
- **SAC Spectacular**
We have made the difficult decision to cancel the SAC Spectacular for 2020. Given the uncertainty around the current situation, we did not consider it safe or appropriate to gather over 2000 people at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre this year. We are investigating alternative options for students and families to safely engage in end of year festivities at the College.

The return to competitive sporting competition and extra-curricular events has been welcomed by students. Likewise, year level events such as assemblies, retreats and excursions have taken place over the past few weeks which have been well received by students. We know students are looking forward to the many camps and other learning experiences planned for the remainder of Term 3 and Term 4. We have cautious optimism that we will be able to proceed with these. Please be assured that all events held outside of the College have been appropriately risk assessed and venues meet requirements regarding COVID-safe/management plans. Unfortunately, events like the Year 7 Canberra trip are outside our control and have been cancelled for 2020.

Part of our commitment to student and community safety involves the school continuing its extra cleaning processes throughout the day, focusing on shared surfaces and spaces. While the drinking fountains remain sectioned off, the stations for filling water bottles are still in operation and are being cleaned throughout the day. We will continue with virtual whole school events such as assemblies for Term 3, however outdoor events such as the Can Drive and Mercy Day will proceed, albeit with some modifications to usual programming.

We thank you for respecting social distancing and ensuring that parents, caregivers and other adults do not enter classrooms as we continue to provide a safe environment for our staff and your daughters. We ask that you please continue to use the hand sanitiser at all entry points to the College, and ensure that you exercise social distancing with one another during school drop-off and pick-up as per the 1.5m government stipulation.

Yours faithfully,



Nick Tattoli (on behalf of the Leadership Team)

