

2 June 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we move into the second half of Term 2 it is important to recognise the outstanding efforts and willingness to learn that have been displayed by our students here at St Aloysius. In what has been an unprecedented time in so many ways, our students have demonstrated great spirit to navigate the obstacles as we slowly return to what will be a new normal.

We would also like to thank you for your support and encouragement of the girls. We thank you for respecting social distancing and ensuring that parents, caregivers and other adults do not enter classrooms. We ask please that students continue to be dropped off and picked up from the courtyards or from the classroom doors for the remainder of Term 2.

While we appreciate that interactions with teachers may be a little more physically distant than usual, we are sure you can understand that these are the measures that we must continue to provide a safe environment for our staff and your daughters.

We ask that you please continue to abide by these protocols, along with other measures such as using the hand sanitiser at all entry points to the College, and ensuring that parents exercise social distancing with one another as per the 1.5m government stipulation during before and after school drop-off and pick-up. It is critical in this time, as South Australia begins to ease restrictions, that we ensure we continue to do what we can to protect one another.

The school has continued its commitment to extra cleaning throughout the school day, focusing on shared surfaces and spaces (such as the library and playground). A reminder that the drinking fountains have been sectioned off and will remain that way for the Term – please ensure that your daughter brings her own water bottle each day – the stations for filling water bottles are still in operation and cleaned throughout the day. We still recommend that students order their lunch online through the flexischools website as the canteen line can be slower-moving due to the new systems in place.

While the dates on the South Australian Roadmap for easing restrictions seem to be quite moveable, our governing bodies have a firmer stance on school protocols for the remainder of Term 2:

- Camps and excursions will continue to be deferred or cancelled (apart from those deemed essential to fulfil the SACE curriculum).
- Our whole school assemblies and liturgical events will be in virtual format for the foreseeable future.
- Term 2 school sport competitions have been cancelled state-wide. We do have plans in place to begin sport training again starting next week, and this will be communicated by our sports coordinators, Mel Potter and Meg Henderson.
- Our music programs are returning, albeit in smaller groups, and the lunchtime and afterschool curriculum extension activities (i.e. drawing and culture clubs) are beginning to come together.

We are aware that students are already looking forward to Term 3 events, and while key events remain on the calendar for now, we will be advised by our governing authorities as to the viability of running these events moving forward.

Finally, we regret to inform you that the significant SAC 140-year events that we had planned for this year will need to be rescheduled for 2021 in our 140+1 celebrations!

Yours faithfully,



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