



HAMILTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

20 March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am writing to update you on our response plan to the Coronavirus.

The wellbeing of our students and staff remain the highest priority. Please be assured that Hamilton Secondary College will continue to act on advice from the Department for Education (DFE), guided by the SA Health Department. Hence, we have adopted a number of precautionary measures. Our Leadership Team is meeting regularly to ensure that we have the most update information and advice.

As of Wednesday March 18, our precautionary measures include:

Postponed/Cancelled:

- Cancelled non-essential visits/visitors.
- Postponed all whole school assemblies.
- Cancelled all non-essential excursions.
- Postponed lunch time clubs.
- Postponed afterschool sport.
- Postponed all study tours.

Modified:

- Homework club will be available on Thursdays, for only Year 11 and Year 12 students.
- Parent/Teacher interviews will no longer be conducted fact to face, instead the interview mode will be by telephone, scheduled for Week 2 of Term 2.
- One Plan Meetings to be conducted by telephone.
- Governing Council Meetings will be conducted by telephone and emails.

Continue:

- Staff Meetings.
- Year 8 and Year 10 student immunisations.
- Instrumental Music lessons within social distancing protocols.
- Year 12 Holiday Workshops.



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Other practices implemented:

- Pastoral Care lessons have a clear focus on the importance on good hygiene as guided by SA Health in relation to the Coronavirus.
- Updating family contact details, including personal emails, address and mobile numbers for easy and immediate communication.

Alternative curriculum delivery if required:

In the event that schools are required to deliver the curriculum in alternative ways, our staff will use online learning platforms, including Microsoft Teams, to ensure that student learning continues. Subject programs and assessment tasks are available to students through DAYMAP. Staff will continue to provide students with written feedback on their assignments through DAYMAP.

I would like to thank all our families for your understanding and support. Like our students, we are disappointed that we have needed to make some hard decisions. However, please know that the precautionary measures we have taken, have been with the best intentions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me on 82758300.

Yours sincerely

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