



OXLEY

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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To: PARENTS OF OXLEY STUDENTS

Re: COVID-19 Pandemic Update #5

Dear Parent / Homestay Parent,

Thank you for your patience and prayerful support during this difficult and fluctuating time of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Our main means of communication with College families is by email and on the parent portal of the College website. The parent portal will also contain the larger documents posted for our community's convenience. We therefore trust our community will keep informed about our protocols around COVID-19 by reading all College communications in a timely manner, **especially those posted on the parent portal.**

We are maintaining the following precautionary approach to the current pandemic:

- Non-essential College events that take students into the community have been cancelled until further notice.
- Events that bring multiple members of the public or other schools onsite at the College are cancelled until further notice.
- For some events we will determine if they can be delivered by alternate means such as web casts, video conferencing or other means. Indeed, the College is preparing for the best delivery of online curriculum that is available to us, in case we need to close for any significant period.
- Preventative hygiene measures are actively promoted among staff and students that include not sharing food, cleaning hands well, avoiding touching the face or holding other people's hands or hugging. A strict social distancing regime is not possible in schools, but everyone is made aware of what can be achieved and have been asked to comply.
- Cleaning staff have a stringent regime of wiping surfaces, door handles, cisterns, driers and other items with a bleach preparation or disinfectants, whilst the supply of these chemicals is available.
- The College will comply with the requirements of government departments about any changing protocols around the operation or closure of schools. We will advise you of these as they occur.

The College is continuing all other normal learning activities according to both modified and standard practices.

Other peak bodies, who organise events in which our students normally participate, have either cancelled or rescheduled their events.

In more detail the following College events are:

1. Cancelled until further notice:

- All offsite College camps and excursions
- Interschool sport (EISM and Year 5 / 6 Inter-School Sport)
- Year 3 buddy activities with Oxley Kids
- Offsite student conferences and award ceremonies
- Parent volunteer program in Junior School classrooms
- School at Work days
- College Open Day and reunions (may be rescheduled)
- Onsite College incursions
- Student Work Experience
- University Pre-Service Teacher program
- Student assemblies and Chapel services (in class delivery)

2. Rescheduled (dates to be advised):

- College ANZAC Service (in classrooms)
- School Photos
- Senior School Parent Interviews

3. Still proceeding at this time:

- PSG meetings by phone
- Music Camp (changed venue, timing and structure as will be advised to students)
- Mary Poppins rehearsals
- Private Music Instruction
- Junior School Production rehearsals
- Staff meetings
- Scheduled classes

We believe these actions remain reasonable under the circumstances. We continue to uphold the safety of students and staff as the highest priority and trust that families will take similar responsibility for their own welfare and that of others.

Any student who becomes ill with flu-like symptoms should not attend the College until they are completely well or have written medical clearance from a COVID-19 infection. Any student returning from overseas up until today must inform the College and self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days.

These actions we have taken are a staged response. We do not want to cause further apprehension on top of what is an already anxious time in the general community. Thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate this unprecedented situation, that we believe is still encompassed by the sovereignty of God.

Yours faithfully,



**Dr Douglas Peck
Principal**