



The Kilmore International School

Monday, 23 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: COVID-19 UPDATE

Holidays to be brought forward at TKIS

On Sunday 22 March, the Premier announced additional steps to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), including bringing forward the school holidays in Victoria to commence from Tuesday 24 March. He also said that it is unknown whether they will reopen at the start of Term 2 on 14 April, but families should plan for that. Accordingly, this will mean **there will be no face-to-face classes at TKIS from Tuesday 24 March to Monday 13 April (Easter Monday)** at TKIS. This decision has been taken to ensure the health and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Home Learning

As much as possible, teachers are preparing for remote learning from the start of Term 2 (Tuesday, 14 April). Our intention is that from that date we will run timetabled classes remotely using SEQTA to keep the routines and structures of the day as normal as possible. However there is no expectation that we deliver online lessons from tomorrow. Instead we will be taking the opportunity to trial on-line access and learning approaches in SEQTA. Of course teachers of IB classes will provide more curriculum content on SEQTA than is the case with younger year levels. Students are also able to contact their teachers through SEQTA to clarify any questions. This will ensure that systems are trialled and tested in preparation for home learning in Term 2.

Naplan

Education Ministers have decided that NAPLAN testing will not proceed for 2020. This decision was made in recognition of the disruption caused to schools by coronavirus (COVID-19). Of course this also means that the scheduled testing of the NAPLAN Online platform, known as the Coordinated Practice Test (CPT), will not take place.

IB cancels May exams

The International Baccalaureate exams in May have been [cancelled](#) amid the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 updates from the IB, for example with Coursework and deadline extensions, are available on their website.

Preparing for more time at home

A State of Emergency has been declared in Victoria due to the serious risk to public health posed by coronavirus (COVID-19). The best website to keep on top of the changes including a shutdown of all non-essential activity across our state is the DHHS website. Particularly useful is the [daily update](#) from the Chief Health Officer and the [social distancing](#) advice.

Thank you to colleagues

I am grateful to staff for their support of the students during this challenging time, especially for our Boarders. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email with any questions or concerns, noting that the Deputy Principal and I will maintain contact with relevant updates over the next two weeks.

Sincerely,

Andrew Taylor
Principal

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