



VILLANOVA COLLEGE

16 March 2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to you to provide an update regarding College activities and events during the remainder of Term One and across Term Two.

Queensland Health has briefed all schools and indicated the best defence against the COVID 19 virus is a strong health system. This approach, currently adopted by authorities, involves reducing as much as possible the spread of the disease over a longer time period. In response to this advice, the College Leadership Team has made the difficult decision to suspend and postpone non-essential activities and events from Monday 16 March until further notice. A decision regarding sporting fixtures will be made by the AIC Management Committee (College Principals) on Thursday 19 March. Co-curricular music rehearsals and sport training will continue until further notice.

This will mean the following events will be suspended and postponed:

- Principal's Tours
- Debut Concerts (Music) - 17 and 19 March
- Year 12 Retreat - 30 and 31 March
- Junior School STEMFEST - 2 April
- Year 12 Mentoring Breakfast - 2 April
- Rugby and Football Camps - 4 and 5 April
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - 20 April
- Year 9 and Year 10 Camps - 28 April - 1 May and 11 - 13 May respectively
- P & F Mothers' Function - 8 May
- Year 6 Mother and Son Dinner - 30 April
- Mission Day - 22 May
- Open Day - 27 May
- Year 5 Grandparents' Day - 9 June
- Blessing and Opening of Grandstand at Villanova Park (Old Boys Heritage Round) - 13 June
- Staff/Senior Banquet - 19 June

While this news will be disappointing for our students and families, these measures are necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of all in our community.



We will address the students in year group meetings and inform them of the College's approach to reduce the spread of the COVID 19 virus by taking a prudent and sensible approach to limiting gatherings where large numbers of people would be present.

Students naturally will be upset that their school experience is being lessened by these measures. We will provide every support to the students and our counselling staff will be available to provide individual and group support to our students. Where possible events will be rescheduled to a time later in the year. However, this will not be possible for all postponed events. There are simply not enough dates available.

Thank you for your continued understanding of what is a unique situation for schools. I will keep you informed as we continue to navigate this situation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Stower  
Principal

