## **ASSOCIATED INDEPENDENT COLLEGES**



## **STATEMENT**

The Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) has decided to cancel all sport and activities effective immediately. This includes all training, trial games and games for the last round of Term 1 and for all of Term 2. The chess competition is included.

The safety and welfare of our staff, volunteers, students and families are of utmost priority to the AIC Association. As Christian Schools, we also have a commitment to the common good of all people not just our own communities. The decisions and actions required of us by the Australian and state governments and medical authorities are based on the common good for all.

After much consideration, the member schools have reached the conclusion that we are unable to meet these requirements if sporting events for the last round of this term and for the entirety of the second term were to take place. The College Principals appreciate that this will cause significant disappointment amongst our student bodies as they have invested a lot of time and effort in their training and preparation. However, our greater priority is not only to their safety and well-being but also the safety and well-being of all our College communities and the wider community by playing our part in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

At this stage, a decision has not been made about sport in the third term. A final decision on this depends on the advice available from relevant authorities closer to the start of that term. The AIC is also committed to reviewing the sporting calendar for the second semester with a view to including Term 2 sports if possible.

Whilst we understand the disappointment for so many of our young people, we appreciate your support in this decision and hope that this virus is contained as soon as possible with the best outcomes for all people.

AIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

