



# MARIST COLLEGE EMERALD

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

17 March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

The spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the emerging impact this is having on communities is concerning for us all. As a result of potential impact on community health, the College is re-evaluating the timing of co-curricular activities scheduled in our calendar.

The safety and well-being of our students remains our highest priority and the decision to postpone or cancel events has been made only after careful consideration and consultation with associated authorities.

The following scheduled events have been impacted to date:

- Musical – *Beauty and The Beast* – **cancelled** (following advice from the Diocesan Catholic Education Office) all tickets purchased will be refunded
- Year 10 Work Experience – **postponed** to a later date (to be advised). Students are required to attend regular scheduled classes during Week 10.
- Ballymore Cup Rugby Union – **cancelled** (following directive from Queensland Rugby)
- Anzac Day march – **cancelled** (following directive from RSL Queensland)
- Year 12 Retreat – **cancelled** (following advice from the Diocesan Catholic Education Office)
- Year 9 Camp to Capricorn Caves – **postponed** to a later date (to be advised)
- Human Powered Vehicle – Toowoomba event – **postponed** to a later date (to be advised)
- Central Highlands Debating – **cancelled** (until further notice)

Funds already received in payment for these trips will be refunded or credited to your College fee account, according to your preference.

Decisions regarding events scheduled later in the College calendar will be made progressively, as the health situation unfolds.

**College/Year Level and House Assemblies** will be suspended indefinitely as a precautionary measure. Information will continue to be relayed to our students via Homerooms and Student Notices.

**Cleaning procedures at the College** remain a priority and precautionary measures will be taken for students who develop flu-like symptoms whilst at the College throughout the day. Cleaning procedures are implemented daily, and we request that families highlight with their children the need for thorough hand washing practices and general hygiene, to support the procedures that are being implemented at school.

We continue to monitor the situation and receive guidance from the Diocesan Catholic Education Office and the government.

Best wishes,



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