

17 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Coronavirus outbreak response**

I am writing to keep parents informed about the latest developments in Prince Alfred College's response to the Coronavirus outbreak. I hope that this correspondence finds our families well and managing the challenges of these extraordinary times.

**1. Second term**

Firstly, I wish to confirm that we will operate by remote learning from the beginning of second term. Our strong preference is to operate normal classes as soon as we are able to do so, and there are increasing indications of a likely early resumption of regular classes. However, as I advised in my previous circular, we are making plans to operate remotely for the duration of second term, in the event that we need to do so.

We will keep parents fully informed about developments in this regard, as it is possible that we might need to seek confirmation of parents' willingness to return their children to school. A key factor in being able to resume regular classes will be strong attendance rates.

Whilst we are operating remotely, we will still cater for those students who need to come to school because of their parents' circumstances. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this should contact the respective Head of School: John Stewart for the Preparatory School at [jstewart@pac.edu.au](mailto:jstewart@pac.edu.au) and John Kinniburgh for the Secondary School at [jkinniburgh@pac.edu.au](mailto:jkinniburgh@pac.edu.au). We would appreciate advice about this at your earliest convenience, to assist us in planning appropriate supervision and arrangements.

**2. Remote learning surveys**

I would like to thank everyone - staff, students and parents – for your support in completing the surveys about the remote learning program that we ran in our final week of first term. The results are currently being processed and will assist us in planning for next term.

We are very conscious that we are in new territory in operating our remote learning program. I know that the teachers feel they have learned a great deal through this process and we have modified our programs accordingly. The feedback gained through the surveys will help us in making further refinements to our program for the term ahead.

### **3. Pastoral care**

We are also very conscious of the need to maintain active pastoral care during this period of remote learning. We will ensure that teachers are in regular contact with students pastorally to provide appropriate support for students. At the same time, we encourage parents to make contact with the appropriate staff about any concerns you might have regarding your children.

### **4. Financial support**

Following last week's Council meeting, Chair of Council Richard Hockney and I will write shortly to parents regarding financial support for our families. We are conscious of the challenges that many of our families are facing. At the same time, we have made adjustments to the College's programs, particularly in reducing staffing where appropriate, where our programs have been reduced or are currently unable to run.

### **5. Health measures on campus**

For those staff who are currently on campus, and for the students who will join us at the beginning of next term, we are practising appropriate social distancing and other measures to reduce the likelihood of infection. Most meetings of staff are currently being conducted remotely and we have floor markers to indicate appropriate distancing in the high traffic and more public spaces.

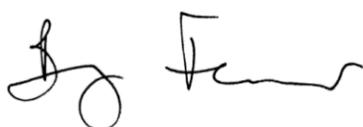
We have ordered a supply of non-contact thermometers, which we will use to check temperatures of staff and students as we get under way in second term. We have also received a large number of masks that we will use in appropriate circumstances. We are very grateful to our Health Centre Nurse Manager, Anna Thomson, for her work in leading our response to the various health measures.

In conclusion, I would like to assure our families that we are doing everything we can to ensure an appropriate response to the changing circumstances of this serious outbreak. At the same time, we are all looking forward to resuming a degree of normality, particularly in welcoming all students and staff back to the College as soon as we are able to do so.

We need to be prepared for the likelihood that there will be restrictions on some aspects of our operations for some time to come. We will continue to monitor developments and keep our community informed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or other appropriate members of staff if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley Fenner', written in a cursive style.

**Bradley Fenner**  
Headmaster