



24th July 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I write to you today to provide an update regarding the actions the College is taking in respect to COVID-19. Queensland Health has lifted many of the earlier restrictions; however, we are well aware of the present situation in the Southern States and will be monitoring this closely.

This week we ran the Subject Expo for Year 9 and 10 families. The information sessions for this event were cancelled to prevent large gatherings of parents but we admit despite having the subject expos spread throughout the campus the social distancing of adults was not managed well and we have reviewed all future events with this in mind.

The second half of the school year features many events and whilst at present some of these will be possible this situation may change at short notice. We will try to communicate any changes to the status of each event as soon as a decision is made. I have included below the situation at present with the events for this term.

School Assemblies

School assemblies may occur with the school ensuring that physical distancing requirements are maintained for all adults and other COVID-19 control measures are implemented.

School Camps

All camps for this term have been cancelled. It is with regret that we have also made the decision to cancel our Year 10 camp for Term 4. The camp was due to take place in NSW and, given the increase in Covid-19 cases in Victoria and New South Wales, we have concluded that cancelling the camp now will avoid disappointment later. At this stage, the **Year 5/6 camp** and the Year 12 camp scheduled for Term 4 are going ahead.

Secondary Athletics Carnival

The Secondary Athletics Carnival that was postponed has been booked for Wednesday 12 August at the University of Queensland Athletics Facility. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this event.

Cybersafety Parent Information Session

We have organised for cybersafety presentations for students on August 26 and 27 with a parent session on the evening of the 26th. This would be a free ticketed event. Further information to follow.

We remind you not to congregate in areas around the school (e.g. before or after school in the car park/outside classrooms). All persons entering and leaving the school grounds should maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from each other. We also remind you that if your child is unwell they are not to attend school. In accordance with Queensland Health directions parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

The College will continue to be guided by decisions from Government and Health Authorities as we navigate these turbulent waters. The Board of Directors and College Leadership have at all times considered our main priority which is the health and wellbeing of the College students, teachers and families and, consequently, the broader community due to the possible impact on our health system.

My sincere thanks goes to all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times.

We encourage parents and caregivers to carry on using the College's dedicated email address – covid-19@kimberley.college – if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Glenn Johnson
Principal

