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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I appreciate that we are all experiencing very different and challenging times.

As the Chief Public Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier said, just because the hard lockdown has been lifted it does not mean that the risks associated with COVID-19 have passed. As a result, schools have been advised to limit the number of non-essential visitors and non-essential activities for both staff and students that takes them beyond their immediate school community. Schools were advised to seek DfE permission to proceed with camps and excursions.

Regrettably the following events and excursions have been cancelled:

- Year 3-6 Sleep-over and excursion to Kadina (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November).
- R-6 Assembly.

We will be emailing a form which we ask families to complete, indicating their choice of a refund or credit for payment received for the Year 3-6 Sleep-over and the Year 12 Graduation Dinner.

At the time of sending this letter we are still waiting for advice from SA Health regarding the Year 7-9 Surf Camp. As soon as I receive a response, information will be sent to families. Even if the camp proceeds, families may still choose to withdraw their child. If your child will not be participating please contact the school on 88373025.

Other updates include:

The 2020 Awards Ceremony will proceed but will be by invitation only. Families of award recipients and year 12 students will receive an invitation via text on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Unfortunately, we are unable to proceed with the 2020 Performance Evening. Performances will be recorded and made available to families.

We are still awaiting advice on the Year 3-5 swimming program but at this stage it is unlikely to proceed.

We have been advised the Kindergarten transition visits can continue, however, the planned R-12 School Transition Day on 24<sup>th</sup> November will not proceed. This decision to cancel the Transition Day was made as we believe it is important for students to remain with their current teachers/classes to provide stability this week.

The SACE transition program will now be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. It is an expectation that all current Year 10 and 11 students will attend.

Our School Community Library will continue to operate within the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions that were in place prior to lockdown.

Following consultation with the AAS Governing Council, our planned Student Free Day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November will proceed.

All decisions regarding events have been made following DfE and SA Health advice.

It is very important that we maintain a safe school environment by following the guidelines including:

- **All students must bring their own named water bottle to school.** Students can fill their water bottles from the water fountains but not drink directly from them.
- If your child is unwell, please keep them home and seek medical advice. We seek your support that if a student arrives at school unwell or becomes unwell during the day, parents will be contacted to collect their child from school.
- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser.
- Regular cleaning of learning spaces and facilities.
- Where possible we ask that parents drop off and pick up students at the school gate.
- Staff and students may choose to wear masks; however, it is not mandated or at this stage a recommendation for inside the school grounds or buildings.
- For the remainder of the term we are limiting volunteer access. This includes community mentoring.

I appreciate that we are providing a lot of information and that many students and families will be disappointed that some events and excursions have been cancelled, staff share your disappointment; however, maintaining a safe environment following DfE and SA Health advice is crucial.

If you have any questions about any of the information provided please contact me via email, [Margaret.Roads954@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Margaret.Roads954@schools.sa.edu.au) or phone 88373025.

Take care and stay safe,

**Margaret Roads**  
Principal



