



Dear parents and carers,

Many of you will have already seen many articles, watched video clips and read thousands of words about COVID-19 but feel the situation remains confusing and uncertain.

You are a valued member of The King's College community and as Principal I want to provide you ongoing communication to provide both reassurance and further clarity about the College's response.

The health and wellbeing of our students, families and staff, as well as your child's opportunity to continue learning uninterrupted, is a high priority.

The Senior Executive Team of Mrs Jodie Matenga, Deputy Principal, Mr Lachlan Chong, Business Manager and myself have met regularly with key staff and made several important decisions based on advice from the WA Department of Health and the Department of Education.

We will be creating several videos to communicate with you what we, as a College will be able to provide as part of our service to you. In the next video our Deputy Principal, Mrs Jodie Matenga will address you on what we have been doing and what we are doing to address this situation and provide you with the care and service that you deserve. We are continuing to teach as normal and classes remain active.

**We have been informed that NAPLAN testing has been cancelled for this year.** The Education Council, consisting of all education ministers, indicated that the decision was "taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education".

We have a designated menu bar for COVID-19 at the top of top of our home page on the website and a SEQTA menu icon which will make it easier for you to access SEQTA Engage and SEQTA Learn. I encourage you to become familiar with them

**During uncertain times, we understand that some families may feel anxious. Please feel free to make an appointment to see me personally if there is anything that you feel that I can help you with.**

It is also important that we remember the words of our college affirmation at times like this and live by them.

*I have a right to learn free from distraction.*

*I have a right to feel safe.*

*I am exceptional.*

*I always work to the best of my ability.*

*I treat everyone around me courteously and with respect.*

*I show courage when I attempt new things and I don't give up easily.*

*I believe the best of myself and others.*

*I am the winner I was created to be;*

*'I am exceptional.'*

Our highest priority is your child's health, safety and continual learning opportunities. We care about you and your family.

Look out tomorrow from a message from our Deputy Principal.

Kind regards,

Orlando dos Santos  
Principal