



21 April 2020

Dear parents/carers,

## **RE: COVID-19 Update – Term 2 Teaching and Learning**

You would be aware of the media statement made on Friday by the Premier and Minister for Education and Training regarding the Term 2 opening of public schools such that both onsite classroom lessons and offsite online learning will be provided for where possible. Independent schools are free to determine their own operations in order to ensure the most appropriate plan for the specific circumstances of their unique school community.

Please be assured that in planning the way forward, clear priority and careful consideration have been given to the safety, health and wellbeing of our students, their families and College staff, as well as maximising sound student outcomes in this changing educational landscape. This will always be the case.

The King's College will continue to deliver College Online Offsite Learning (COOL) in Term 2, as planned. You are encouraged to keep your child at home; however, you may choose to send them to school. Whether offsite or onsite, all College students will be continuing to engage in COOL. As occurred last term, accommodation will be made for students with learning/special needs and for those without internet at home.

After three weeks of term, the government will review the public-school situation and potentially institute change. Consequently, the College will also review its position at that time.

For those students onsite, COOL supervision only will be provided. Hygienic practices implemented last term will be maintained, including no access to outside play equipment. Social distancing will be encouraged. Assemblies, interschool activities, incursions, excursions and camps will not occur for the time being. Please also note that you are required to drop your child off at the Kiss 'n' Drive and not get out of your car (Kindergarten and Pre-primary parents/carers may briefly assist their child out of their car and into the care of a waiting staff member to be escorted to class). Finally, please be aware that if there is a confirmed COVID-19 case, the school will close for one or more days in order to allow appropriate cleaning to be conducted.

As per the Family Calendar, Term 2 begins on Tuesday 28 April. If you wish to send your child to school, **please register your intention with Ms Jo Housego, PA to the Principal, by Thursday 23 April at 4.00pm via email: [joh@tkc.wa.edu.au](mailto:joh@tkc.wa.edu.au)**. If your child has complex medical needs, please be encouraged to seek medical advice regarding their attendance at school.

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Continuing with COOL rather than implementing partial or full classroom lessons confers the greatest benefits as it:

- allows for quality education delivery and outcomes, as the focus is on one mode of teaching and learning only not multiple modes;
- secures equity within the school, that is, all students have the 'same' experience of teaching and learning (and receive equivalent assessment and grading) so that no child or young person is disadvantaged relative to another; and
- ensures continuity of learning and consistency of 'school days' in these challenging times where constant change can increase students' feelings of uncertainty and anxiety (and minimises the possibility that students will be disrupted and confused by a move back to online teaching and learning in three weeks).

The updated COOL Parent Pack will be sent out later this week. Please look out for it, as it contains all the key information you will require regarding COOL. Please also remember that all communications and resources relating to COOL can be found under the COVID-19 Important Information tab at the top of the College website.

Despite these changing times, The King's College intends to provide stability of teaching and learning for your child by avoiding excessive knee-jerk changes of direction, as well as flexibility for you by providing options. We remain uncompromising in the provision of exceptional education.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Orlando dos Santos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Orlando dos Santos  
Principal