



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday, you would have received correspondence with further updates on the changing situation in response to COVID-19. Our P-12 Executive Leadership Team have now had an extensive meeting where decisions were made in order to keep our Upper Coomera State College community safe.

**THE COLLEGE IS OPEN FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, AS NORMAL, ALTHOUGH SOME ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN MODIFIED OR CANCELLED.**

### **Assemblies**

All assemblies are ceasing until further notice as per the directive of the Director General. We are also currently reviewing all other large group non-essential gatherings. This will mean, in a school of our size that some upcoming events will not run. As this is a daily changing space we will communicate with parents the events that are affected.

The Director General has also identified other strategies, such as staggered lunch breaks. In a school as large and complex as UCSC, we are now looking at the logistical implications of this.

### **Camp, Excursions, Incursions**

The decision has been made to cease all Camps, Excursion and Incursions for Term One – final day for Term One is Friday 3 April, 2020.

**Year 7 Camp** – Cancelled. Refund information will be forthcoming.

**Year 12 Biology Camp** – Postponed for 1 – 3 April to a later date (to be advised).

We are now looking at the schedule of the rest of the terms Excursions, Incursions and Camps to determine an appropriate process around cancellation. I can assure families that we will be doing our utmost to ensure that, where possible, that families will be not impacted in a financial manner.

### **Colour Explosion**

Unfortunately, due to the ever-changing situation of COVID-19, the College has decided to postpone the Run4Fun Colour Explosion Event that was to be held on Friday 3 April 2020, until further notice. We understand our students will be highly disappointed, however the health and safety of our students is our key priority.

For the families that have already paid for the entry to the Colour Explosion, please be assured your payment will roll over to the new date (to be confirmed). Unfortunately, the P&C are unable to issue a refund. Fundraising will close this Thursday 19 March. For any further questions regarding the Colour Explosion, please email – [pandc@uppercoomerasc.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@uppercoomerasc.eq.edu.au).

### **Update on Hygiene**

Processes are in place for Junior and Secondary for regular checking of our toilets and toilet soap to ensure there is ample supply and operable dispensers. All toilet blocks will undergo an upgrade with liquid soap dispensers, paper towel and hand sanitizer dispensers.



### Personal Family Holiday Travel

As you now know the Australian Government have announced that all people arriving back into Australia must self-isolate for 14 days. I ask all parents to be aware of the impact that any overseas travel will have on students being at school.

### Student Absences

We respect that families may make decisions to keep their children at home. If parents are choosing to keep their children home, we will try our best to accommodate learning needs. Our leadership teams are now looking at the most appropriate methods of remote and online learning as we move forward. We will be sending out strategic plans around the continuity of learning process for all students soon.

Finally, any decision regarding College closure, prior to or after Easter break, will be made by the Federal and State governments. No local decision making will be enacted in this regard. I appreciate that this is a difficult time for everybody, but I would like to remind everyone in our community that we must all work together.

This is a daily evolving situation and, as a College, we are making the best decisions possible given the ever-changing landscape that we are facing.

I thank all parents and caregivers for their understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

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