



6 August 2021

## COLLEGE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued messages of support this week and also to those who have highlighted issues that have been resolved to improve the student learning experience. This week of lockdown in the main has been a positive experience for both staff and students alike. The experiences generated by the staff at Hillcrest have been excellent given the little warning that we had as a community and on behalf of students, parents and the College leadership I want to publicly acknowledge their commitment and effort.

At the time of writing this letter it appears that there is no definitive decision as to what will happen next week in regards to the current lockdown. This is expected to be made on Sunday morning. One train of thought would be that lockdown will be extended while another is that it will end with some restrictions, such as mask wearing, still in place. As a school we are catering for both possibilities with virtual experiences prepared for students to continue to learn online, but also having regular lessons ready from Monday morning if that is in line with the decision made by the Government moving forward.

We do know the following information in regard to next week.

### **Monday 9 August**

SLC Yr. 9-12 Spaghetti Bridge Challenge (Postponed)

MLC/SLC Yr. 7-12 Interschool Chess Tournament (Postponed)

JLC Yr. 1 Fire Safety Incursion (Postponed)

JLC/MLC Eisteddfod – Choral (Cancelled)

### **Tuesday 10 August**

MLC/SLC Eisteddfod – Choral (Cancelled)

### **Wednesday 11 August**

JLC Sports Day (Postponed)

### **Thursday 12 August**

SLC Yr. 11-12 Academic Arts Showcase (Postponed)

SLC Open Boys Development Basketball Game (Postponed)

SLC Yr. 9 Personal Pathways Plan Interviews (Moving from face to face to Teams – A separate message from Mr Fernance will be sent to all parents whose children are currently in Year 9)

MLC/SLC Thursday Activities (To Be Confirmed dependent on lock down)

### **Friday 13 August**

STAFF Injecting Creativity Workshop (Cancelled)

SLC Yr. 9-10 Gold Coast E Sports (Postponed)

MLC Year 6 Half point 2027 Dinner (Postponed)

SLC Year 10 Immunisations? (Postponed)

**Note:** Sparks and Flames and in school time activities such as Thursday activities, assemblies and gatherings will not occur as face to face activities if in lock down. If we are out of lockdown next week, a decision will be made as soon as practical as to whether they go ahead and what the format will be.

This week coming is traditionally known for the 100 day celebration to the end of Year 12. This is normally marked with a sleepover and other events. We have refrained from making plans at this stage but would like families to know that the College has every intention of celebrating this event in whatever capacity we can in accordance with Covid regulations. More details will follow.

Please also note that the additional cleaning of rooms will be continued throughout the College until the Gold Coast returns to being free of Covid restrictions.

As soon as a decision is made on what next week may look like we will provide all families with an appropriate update. Until then we continue to pray for your health and safety and that God will protect and bless all in our community.

Blessings

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**Executive Head of College**