

2nd June 2020

Dear Emmaus families and friends

It is my hope and prayer that you and your family have started to enjoy the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions that have been implemented across our state. Some of you, who have experienced the convenience of working from home, may now be experiencing mixed emotions about physically returning to work!

As shared in my previous correspondence on 13th May 2020, Emmaus is philosophically embracing the same three step approach to easing COVID-19 restrictions as has been communicated both Nationally and for South Australia. Although informed by our National and State counterparts, Emmaus' timeline and specific elements of easing will be determined to fit our particular circumstances; and will be inherently conservative by nature.

In light of South Australia's continuing positive COVID-19 medical circumstances, I am comfortable to share that Emmaus will enter our Step 2 of easing restrictions from next Monday (8th June). However, I reiterate my previous caution against complacency, and the necessity of retaining high standards of hygiene and social distancing measures for adults throughout the College.

Consistent with the Step 2 approach outlined in my letter dated 13th May, from Monday 8th June **all current restrictions strictly remain in force** at Emmaus with the additional easing of the below new Step 2 elements only:

- 1 **Broader Activities** – Respecting continuing social distancing requirements for adults, reintroduce small scale in-school activities broader than core curricular such as individual volunteers; LAP; enrolment and parent / teacher interviews; school business related meetings; and staff professional development. Parents are to continue to drop-off and pick-up children at the 'gate'.
- 2 **School sports** – Consistent with the AIS' framework / guidelines for rebooting sports and Sports-SA advice, reintroduce school-based sports in addition to those included in the core curriculum within the following parameters:
 - a. 'Non-contact' type sports (eg Basketball)
 - b. Outdoor (eg Soccer)
 - c. Intra-school (not between different schools)
 - d. Following AIS' guidelines for participant numbers
- 3 **Interaction beyond the College** – The reintroduction of short-term small scale and **essential** to the core curriculum educational activities involving small student groups:
 - a. Visiting sites external to the College
 - b. Hosting students from other schoolsFollowing a thorough risk assessment, each proposed activity in this category must be preapproved by the respective Head of Sub school.
- 4 **Internal gathering size** - Internal student gathering size to be increased from 1 'nominal' class in size to up to 100 students utilizing appropriately sized College spaces.



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I would again like to thank you for your continuing support of the College as we carefully navigate our way out of this global pandemic. I will communicate further with you on this matter as we prepare to enter Step 3 restriction easing. It is likely Step 3 will take place progressively over a period of time rather than a single point in time like Steps 1 and 2.

Blessings

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