

17 March 2020

Dear Middle School families

Jonathan Carpenter, the Head of Middle School, is currently on and leave and I, Paul Mills, have been given the role of Acting Head until he returns to the College.

As you are well aware, the school is taking the COVID-19 virus seriously and acting upon the latest Commonwealth and State government recommendations. Today, at a school leadership meeting, several decisions were reached that have implications for your student(s) who attends the Middle School here at Emmaus.

There are four significant changes, and one notice, for Term 1 that you need to be aware of (if you have other children in the Senior and/or Junior Schools, please expect an email from Andrea Gear or Helen Vonow, who will detail the changes that relate to their respective sub school). If we need to make changes for Term 2, you will be informed.

- All excursions are cancelled. This particularly affects Year 7 students, who were going to the SA Water Desalination plant next week.
- Both the Year 7 and Year 8 camps have been cancelled. Although we would like to hold them later in the year, as we cannot predict government and health recommendations in the future, I can make no assurances of these camps taking place in 2020.
- Sports Day, which was scheduled for this Friday, has been postponed and modified. Daryl Porter, the Head of PE/Sport, is currently coming up with a round-robin style sports day which he is proposing to hold on Friday 27 March, next week. This Sports Day will be held on campus, with the Middle School participating in the morning and the Senior School in the afternoon. More details to come.
- Parent Teacher Interviews (Mon 23/3 and Tues 24/3) are still going ahead, though will happen in a modified manner to ensure social distancing. More details to come on this one as well.
- The Afterschool MakerSpace program and Afterschool Dance program are still continuing, as they are held at school with just Emmaus students present.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email your child's home group teacher.

Kind Regards

**Paul Mills**  
**Acting Head of Middle School**