



Penryn

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16 March 2020

Dear Penryn Family,

As I am sure you are all aware, last night, the 15th of March, President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a State of National Disaster regarding the COVID-19 epidemic around the world. As the President stated, there is no need to panic but it is important that all South Africans heed the governments new rules and requests in this regard.

In line with the President's decision, all schools in South Africa are obliged to close as of 18th of March 2020. As such Penryn will close at the end of the school day, tomorrow Tuesday, the 17th of March at normal closing time and will remain closed until Wednesday, the 15th of April, as per our school calendar. There will be no activities after the academic day closes (Preschool 13:30; Preparatory 14:00; Senior Preparatory 15:00; College 13:35). However please note that our Prep afternoon program will continue for Monday and Tuesday, as per usual until 17:00.

In terms of our school program for Monday and Tuesday (16 & 17 March); the following rules will apply:

- There will be no assemblies, chapel services or any gatherings of more than 100 scholars.
- Scholars must therefore please go straight to class and attend lessons as normal.
- All the personal hygiene rules will be encouraged.

All tours, sports fixtures and events etc. are cancelled/postponed over the holiday period (where parents have pre-paid for events, we will advise of the process going forward for each case).

Boarders may be collected from today (Monday 16th of March) and our boarding houses will remain open for scholars who cannot be collected until Friday, but will close on Friday, the 20th of March.

We will remain in contact with ISASA and the NICD and will keep parents informed over the holiday period of any developments. We will also advise at the start of Term 2 as to how Penryn will make up the three lost school days this term.

We encourage all our Penryn families, one and all, to heed the decisions regarding the State of Disaster in terms of personal hygiene, travel etc. and once again stress that there is no cause for panic.



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In the event that you or your family travel to any high risk areas over the school holiday period or should any member of your family contract the virus, please be diligent with enforcing the self-isolation procedures and notify the school immediately by contacting your respective Heads (Prep Head Mr. G Roberts: prepadmin@penryn.co.za and College Head Mr. A Pienaar: collegehm@penryn.co.za).

We thank you all for your understanding and support and we know that by God's Grace our Country will overcome this challenge.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Head



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Chair, Penryn Council



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