



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

18 March, 2020.

Dear Parents of Boarders,

As you would have read in my letter to parents earlier today, we are hopeful of keeping the boarding house open for as long as the day school remains open.

You may have heard that the Prime Minister, in his Media Address this morning, noted that boarding schools are “at high risk of transmission” and encouraged boarding schools and parents to “consider the risks versus the benefits of a student remaining in boarding school”.

Our assessment of the risks to your child at this time are that they are no more or less likely to contract the virus in the boarding house than if they were in the general population. The fact that our students have their own room, and are currently unable to access each other’s rooms, means our circumstances are not like those in most other boarding houses. We have processes in place should a student become ill, but have no reason to think they are more or less likely to do so than any other student at the College.

That said, we are happy to support you in whatever decision you make about your child’s wellbeing. We will not be in a position to undertake the full roll-out of online learning until such time as the day-students are unable to attend classes, but our teachers are happy to support students via email and SIMON as best possible should you choose to bring them home.

We would like those of you who have a child coming home for the weekend to assess carefully the likelihood that they may have come in contact with the virus during that time. If you believe they may have been in contact, please keep them home with you, rather than returning them for the final week. Otherwise, we’ll look forward to seeing them on Sunday evening!

We are especially conscious that a number of Year 11s and 12s have SACs next week. If there are any 5-day boarders, who might like to stay in for the weekend, so as to reduce their risk of exposure to the virus, they are welcome to do so at no cost.

As always, this is a day-to-day proposition, and please rest assured that should circumstances change, we will be in contact with you as quickly as possible.

Kind regards,

Kate Fogarty
Principal

QUÆ
SUPRA
QUÆRE