

16 March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In order to reassure you that we are taking all recommended advice and precautions to protect your children and our staff against the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are informing you of some further actions which we will be taking. These actions are in line with Department for Education and SA Health recommendations made over the weekend, to critically examine the need to hold school events/gatherings and decide on how best to serve the community.

Avenues College will remain open until the Department for Education and SA Health advise otherwise.

Harmony Week Monday 16 March – Saturday 21 March 2020

Most of the planned special activities will go ahead. The B-12 Harmony Week Assembly scheduled for Friday 20 March at 1.30pm in the Gym is cancelled.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Morning Tea scheduled for Friday 20 March is also cancelled. We still encourage students and staff to support this week by wearing orange or cultural dress on Friday 20 March.

Open Evening/Welcome Wednesday 18 March 2020

We will be postponing Open Evening/Welcome to a later date to be advised.

2.00pm dismissal for all students is also cancelled for Wednesday 18 March.

Normal 3.00pm dismissal for all students will apply.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Friday 20 March 2020

The SAPOL Presentation planned for all Year 7 & 8 students is cancelled.

Year 8 Aquatics Camp Monday 23 March – Wednesday 25 March 2020

The Aquatics Camp to Victor Harbor is cancelled. Details regarding full refunds will be advised.

The Cheltenham Exchange Monday 22 June – Thursday 25 June 2020

We will continue to assess the risk to staff and students and are considering the possibility of postponing the event.

Assemblies – Primary Years Gathering, Year Level, House and Whole School

All are cancelled until further notice. Information needed to be communicated to students and families will be distributed at a Class/Care Group level.

Avenues College will continue to minimise disruption to student learning.

We have sufficient supply of soap and hand sanitiser and adequate handwashing facilities to support students with their handwashing activities. Families are encouraged to remind children of their personal hygiene practices, and to continually monitor their general health and wellbeing. Should your child become unwell with fever and/or respiratory infection, please keep them home and consult your personal medical practitioner. They must remain at home until symptoms resolve.

If you are concerned or have any questions regarding the health and wellbeing of your children, please consult the SA Health website for facts and advice. There is also a Coronavirus Health Information line available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week - 1800 020 080. Additionally you can contact the College on 8261 2733.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn McLean". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light grey rectangular background.

Robyn McLean - Principal