



## EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

12 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Oakleigh Grammar continues to monitor the rapidly evolving global outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). As you may be aware it has now been officially identified as a Global Pandemic by the World Health Organisation.

To ensure the safety of our students, staff and the wider community parents MUST keep unwell children at home. Students who arrive at school showing any symptoms of the common cold will be sent home. This causes extra strain on our First Aid and Administration services at this challenging time.

In addition, the school has escalated our position on staff and student travel. Any staff member or student who chooses to travel to any international destination during the upcoming break may not return to School after their arrival back to Australia. A quarantine period of 14 days' post arrival date will be enforced. The sighting of the Customs arrival date stamp within Passports will be required as proof. This includes travel to New Zealand.

Oakleigh Grammar has now created a dedicated information tab on our School Website to keep our community up-dated and informed on the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please refer to this link regularly <https://www.oakleighgrammar.vic.edu.au/covid-19/>

In addition, the School has formed an Emergency Response Committee who are working in conjunction with authorities and in line with our Critical Incident policies and procedures protocols. The ERC meets twice weekly (or as needed) to assess the situation as it continues to evolve.

The safety of our students and community is paramount. As such we have taken advice on all upcoming School and community events scheduled for the remainder of this term. We have been guided by external bodies such as Independent Schools Victoria (ISV), Eastern Independent Schools Melbourne Sporting Association (ESIM), the Organisational Committee for Greek National Day, etc.

This advice has confirmed the cancellation of a number of events and gatherings where large numbers of people are confined indoors, including all School Assemblies, external excursions, Church services and the Greek Independence Day march. The Parents Association have also cancelled the Mums and Dads social evenings.

Attached to this letter is a traffic light list of upcoming events rated by risk which determine their status to proceed or not. Please take the time to read this and update your calendars accordingly.



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The School's maintenance and cleaning contractors have been up-scaled to include hospital grade services and chemicals and we continue to remind our students and staff of the importance of maintaining good hygiene practices.

Screening for COVID-19 is available at Royal Melbourne Hospital however only people with symptoms or those who have travelled overseas within 14 days are eligible. If you are in any doubt, the COVID-19 dedicated hotline is 1800 675 398. For any further information please visit the Department of Health website <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation and understanding of all the efforts Oakleigh Grammar is undertaking to keep our community as safe as possible.

Yours Sincerely



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DATE	CALENDAR EVENT	RESPONSE
Fri 13 March	JS House Country	Continuing – internal event, and outdoor venue
	Fridays with Father (Years 8&9)	Postponed
Sat 14 March	Youth Conference at St Johns	Withdrawn
Mon 16 March	NGV Top Arts Excursion	Withdrawn
	Years 2 and 4 swimming	Cancelled
	Year 7 sport internal – swimming and athletics	Swimming Cancelled
	PA Dads Social Night, Notting Hill Hotel	Cancelled
	ELC photos (16/3 – 20/3)	Continuing
Tues 17 March	MS/SS House Athletics	Continuing – internal event, and outdoor venue
	Years 2 and 4 swimming	Cancelled
Wed 18 March	EISM Senior School interschool sport round 7	Withdrawn
	Antipodean Trip meeting at OG	Pending
Thurs 19 March	Open Day	Postponed
	Year 9 Training Day for bushwalk	Withdrawn
	Years 2 and 4 swimming	Cancelled
	Year 11 Biology excursion, Parkville	Withdrawn
Fri 20 March	National Young Leaders excursion	Withdrawn
	Independence Day Commemoration Assembly	Cancelled
Sun 22 March	Greek Independence Day March and related church services	Cancelled
Mon 23 March	Year 6 camp, Marysville, 23-25 March	Withdrawn
	EISM Champions Swimming Carnival, MSAC	Withdrawn
	PA Mum's Social Night	Cancelled
	Years 2 and 4 swimming	Cancelled



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<b>Tues 24 March</b>	JS House Event and Fundraiser	<b>Continuing</b>
	Years 2 and 4 swimming	<b>Cancelled</b>
	Top Screen Media excursion - NGV	<b>Withdrawn</b>
	ELC Parent Teacher interviews (24/3-26/3)	<b>Via Phone &amp; Email</b>
<b>Wed 25 March</b>	Year 9 Bushwalk (25/3-27/3)	<b>Withdrawn</b>
	EISM Sport Grand Finals	<b>Withdrawn</b>
	Years 2 and 4 swimming	<b>Cancelled</b>
	Greek Independence Day church services, OG representation	<b>Cancelled</b>
	ELC K3 Excursion Werribee Zoo	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>Thurs 26 March</b>	Years 2 and 4 Swimming	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Fri 27 March</b>	Fridays with Father Years 7 & 8	<b>Postponed</b>
	Holiday Program	<b>Continuing – without external excursions</b>

#### LEGEND

Red	Cancelled or Withdrawn
Orange	Postponed or Pending
Green	Continuing at time of publication



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