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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my previous correspondence regarding COVID-19 and in light of updated recommendations for schools, I can now advise that the following events have been reviewed and the following decisions made:

- Parent Teacher Interviews will proceed as scheduled however we are considering the possibility of conducting interviews over the phone as an alternative;
- All Shine services, Assemblies and House meetings in their current formats have been postponed. We will endeavour to provide opportunities for worship and community connection during the period where large gatherings are limited;
- Grandparents Day (cancelled);
- All School Sport SA (e.g. SAPSASA) events (postponed);
- Camps and excursions for the remainder of the term and into the first part of Term 2 have been postponed or cancelled. In particular, the proposed Year 6 camp to Port Hughes (Term 2, Week 1) will not proceed. We are seeking alternatives for later in the year and will do so, where possible, for all other significant events;
- Junior School Musical has been postponed to a date to be determined, with rehearsals recommencing in Term 3; and
- Junior School Choir and Dance rehearsals will continue for now, adhering to social distancing protocols.

Students are being constantly reminded of personal hygiene protocols, cleaning practices are in a state of constant review and staff are working diligently to ensure they are able to best accommodate students in a situation that is unique and challenging. They are doing this with professionalism and calm and I thank them for their commitment to our children.

I do ask that all interactions with Encounter staff, either in person or over the phone, are conducted respectfully. This is a complex period where we are sensitively balancing the needs of a large community and it is unhelpful for emotions to take the place of courtesy and a spirit of cooperation.

Please be assured that Encounter's decisions will continue to adhere to the current recommendations of Federal and State Governments.

Thank you for your willingness to embrace with grace the complex situation we will continue to navigate in partnership with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelvin Grivell".

Kelvin Grivell
Principal

Looks like school, feels like home...

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