

Coronavirus Response

TORRENS VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE 21



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28 November 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

CANCELLATION OF YEAR 10 CAMP

We regret to inform you that late on Friday afternoon we received feedback from Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive at AISSA, notifying us that our application to proceed with the planned Year 10 Camp was not approved by the team at SA Health. It is the view of the review team that that the camp places students and their families at increased risk of transmission of Covid-19 and **unfortunately we have had to cancel the camp (Wednesday 2 December to Friday 4 December)**. This was unexpected news but we understand that all school camps involving travel between the metropolitan and regional South Australia have not been approved by SA Health for the remainder of 2020.

Furthermore, with this feedback in mind as a Leadership team we have also reviewed our planned excursion to the Flinders University Precinct and with the same approach to minimising opportunities for transmission and exposure to the virus we have regretfully **decided to cancel the excursion on Tuesday 1 December**.

We are incredibly disappointed to have to pass on this news and recognise that it is a significant blow to the students looking forward to a great adventure to finish the year together.

In light of the fact that all Year 10 subjects and assessments were completed by Friday 27 November, **the academic year is now complete and hence we do not expect Year 10 students to return to school for Week 8**. Therefore, all Year 10 students will commence their school holidays immediately. We accept that this may cause inconvenience for some families and therefore if special arrangements need to be made for your child to attend school from Tuesday 1 December to Friday 4 December please get in contact directly with Senior School Coordinator Catherine Green catherine.green@tvcs.sa.edu.au. Students who were planning to finish cleaning their lockers or had items to return on Tuesday 1 December are of course welcome to return to school during the coming week to complete these tasks but will need to report to the Front Office and sign in for the time that they are at school.

In consideration of the multiple events and activities that have been unavoidably removed from our Year 10 calendar this year we share with you feelings of frustration and disappointment. We particularly want to acknowledge the staff members who have invested significant time and energy to plan and prepare for events that have not been able to transpire. We will also factor into our planning for 2021 an opportunity to reschedule a Careers Tour when/if safe to proceed.

We acknowledge that 2020 has presented us with many challenges and we pray that you and your family will have the opportunity during the summer holiday break to be refreshed and recharged particularly in celebrating our Lord's birth at Christmas. We look forward to welcoming students back to school for Day 1 of the new school year on Thursday 28 January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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Senior School Coordinator