



16 March 2020

Dear Parents

RE: COVID-19 Corona Virus Announcement

The announcements made by our President will have a direct impact on the day-to-day activities in our lives and specifically at Alma Mater International School and College. We urge our parents and students to support every effort by Government to contain this virus in order to restore normality to our lives.

The following changes have been made to the 2020 School Calendar in order to ensure minimal disruption to our students' academic time and their continuous preparation for examinations. We are glad to announce that no academic school time will be compromised at all.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

School will close on Wednesday 18 March at 12:00
Buses will depart at 12:15

School will reopen for Term 2 on Tuesday 14 April 2020

Mid-Term during Term 2:

The mid-term will be from Monday 15 June 2020 and school will start again on Monday 29 June 2020. Friday 12 June 2020 will be a full school day.

Please Note:

There will be no changes to the school calendar for Term 3, pending outcomes.

EXAMINATION DATE CHANGES

A detailed timetable will be published later but exam dates will be as follows:

- Gr 4 – 7: From 8 – 20 May 2020
- Gr 8 – 12 and College: From 20 – 30 April 2020

Please Note:

- The Primary Checkpoint Examination will be cancelled for 2020
- There are currently no changes to the external CAIE Examination for the May/June sitting

- High School and College students writing their IGCSE's and AS/A Levels this year.
These students might be concerned about their external examinations. Please rest assured that there are several ways in which we can assist them to be well prepared in advance of their examinations. They will not be missing out on any teaching, as we are in fact gaining two full teaching days. All available technology will be utilised to assist our students in every possible way, should the need arise.
- Gr 4 – 12 students will be writing all their internal examinations. There are more than enough teaching days left to achieve all our teaching goals. Students will receive their usual three school reports for this year.

TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

Netball/Soccer/Rugby Training Camp

This will be postponed to the weekend of 30 April – 2 May 2020

Gr 7 Cape Town Tour

This will now be taking place from 14 – 21 October 2020

BOARDING HOUSE

The Boarding House will unfortunately only re-open on Wednesday 15 April 2020 at 07:00. No student will be able to check in any earlier even though the school starts on 14 April 2020. International students flying in must also only arrive on 15 April 2020. Transport from the airport will be arranged accordingly.

ALMAL MAATJIES / PRE-PRIMARY

After various efforts to accommodate our working parents it has come to our attention that we may unfortunately not keep the Pre-Primary School open during the quarantine period. It will therefore be closed for the period of 18 March to 14 April.

Please enjoy the “new holiday period” and make use of this opportunity for quality family time. Plan some revision for the upcoming exams!

Psalm 91:10-11

No disaster can overtake you; no plague can come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.



JAMES MOIR

PRINCIPALS



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