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ST CHARLES COLLEGE
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Dear Parents

DECISION TO DELAY THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR TO 1 FEBRUARY 2021

We have taken a decision to delay the start of the 2021 year until 1 February in solidarity with the overburdened health sector. The second wave has the potential to bring levels of misery that have not been experienced by this generation and we must play our part to help at this time.

We remain convinced that face to face teaching is the most effective and have determined not to start lessons until 1 February. We will adjust the calendar to ensure that the year is not compressed, and that adequate time is given to teaching and learning. If necessary, we are able to teach online, but it is not our first choice and this is especially important for younger children.

Special consideration for Pre-Primary and Junior Primary children of frontline workers

While we will only start formal school on 1 February we have arranged for a care facility for children of our parents who are essential workers, especially those who are assisting in civic and medical fields. Please contact the Heads of the Junior Primary and Pre-Primary school for details.

Parents of Boarders

We are mindful of the challenges that delays cause to our parents of boarders. Boarders are now due to return to the College on Sunday, 31 January. Given the logistical challenges that these changes will introduce, special arrangements can be made to assist our cross-border families.

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Our commitment

We are committed to delivering a full year of academics and the adjustment of the calendar will be communicated after further consultation. The phenomenal November matric results of 2020 will be published in the Witness newspaper on Monday.

Yours faithfully

Allen van Blerk
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