

12 June 2021

Saturday 15h00



ST CHARLES COLLEGE
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Dear Parents

Important communication for Senior School parents

It is clear that there are high levels of anxiety in our society at present around the expected third wave. This morning we met to assess our situation and the following decision has been taken as a precautionary measure to reduce social interaction and secure academic time.

- Gr 000 - Grade 7 **school continues as normal** and will finish on Friday 18 June as planned.
- Gr 8 – Grade 12 **moving to online platform** for the next week from Monday 14 June to Friday 18 June

Boarders in the Senior School

Where parents of boarders are not able to make arrangements to collect their sons earlier, their boys will be looked after as per normal until the scheduled close of the term.

Grade 12 NBT tests

These are scheduled for Tuesday at St Charles College and will go ahead as planned. Mr Holcomb has made arrangements to enable all boys who have registered, to write the NBT examinations.

Senior School tests and Saturday school

Tests for Grade 8 to 12 planned for next week will be rescheduled in term 3. We will be prioritizing Grade 10 and 12 boys as they write external examinations at the end of the year. Boys from Grade 8 to 12 should plan to have Saturday school for at least the first two weeks of next term.

Why make this decision now?

This morning results for routine COVID Tests for travel indicate that four Grade 12 boys tested positive. This number was added to the two positive cases that were confirmed in Grade 12 yesterday and a second case confirmed in Grade 11. All boys and contacts have been isolated and all were completely asymptomatic.

Current positive Cases reported in the College:

Grade 000	0	Grade 2	0	Grade 6	0	Grade 10	1
Grade 00	0	Grade 3	0	Grade 7	0	Grade 11	2
Grade 0	0	Grade 4	0	Grade 8	0	Grade 12	6
Grade 1	1	Grade 5	0	Grade 9	0		

We are concerned at this sudden spike in older pupils and believe that we can finish the term's academic programme best by going online for a week in the Senior School. The Heads of the Middle and Upper Schools will communicate with boys and parents in each grade to set out the plan for each day next week. Staff will be present at school all week.

It is not always obvious how to react in these times, but we do respect and appreciate the views and concerns parents have shared with us. Based on guidance from our medical advisors, the above actions appear to be the wise thing to do at this point in time.

Yours faithfully

Allen van Blerk
Principal