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Dear Parent/Guardian

There have been several Federal and State announcements impacting the running of the College in response to COVID 19. Please be assured that Ashdale Secondary College is prepared and is responding to the directives given.

As of last week, all student toilets had soap dispensers repaired and refilled. The limited amount of hand sanitiser we have been able to source has been distributed to teachers for use in class. We have displayed hand washing and health posters throughout the College.

Students have been assigned areas during recess and lunch breaks as well as designated year group toilets. This precaution will put in place social distancing measures rather than staggering break times which is difficult in large schools without affecting the delivery of the curriculum.

Assemblies, camps and excursions have been reviewed which have resulted in the following activities/excursions being cancelled and/or postponed;

Whole School ANZAC Assembly	Year 7 Scitech excursion
College Athletics Carnival	Year 10 STEM Hackathon excursion
RAC Bstreetsmart Year 11 excursion	Year 10 Science and Engineering excursion
Futsal Competition Multiple year groups	Year 11 and 12 Battle of the Bands
Year 9-12 EV Challenge	Year 10 Lightning Carnival (Term 2)
Outdoor Education Rottnest Camps – Year 11 and 12	

There may be additional cancellations prior to the end of term and some events may be re-scheduled.

Please also note that the scheduled Parent Interview Night Wednesday 1 April has also been cancelled and the College day will operate as normal with **students finishing at 2.30pm.** Parents will still receive an interim report and can contact the individual staff member if they would like to follow up.

I would like to thank the community for their support during this time and encourage you to continue talking to your child about hygiene and social distancing. Discourage them from hugging, sharing of food and drink items and other activities which involve direct personal contact or mixing in large groups.

Once again if you have concerns about the risks to your child more information can be found at the Department of Health's website https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

Kind regards

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Principal

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