



St Nicholas Diocesan School

A Co-Educational, Independent, Anglican, Day and Boarding School for pupils from Grade RR-12

Thursday, 09 April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are entering what will hopefully be the last week of our national lockdown. We know that this has been a stressful time for us all but I would like to congratulate my fellow South Africans for the resilience you have shown during this period. We shall certainly overcome this pandemic and will come out on the other side a stronger and more empathetic country.

If the President does decide to extend the lockdown period we are prepared with our online material. We have currently only lost 2 days of academic lessons which we will be able to catch up quite easily through either extending the school day or having Saturday school. If the lockdown is extended we will shorten the July holidays to catch up on missed work. We are still very much on track for a successful academic year. As it stands School will reopen on Monday the 20th of April for all learners. Should the lockdown be extended or should the Department of Education send a directive requiring us to remain closed we will alter this opening date.

Online classes will start on Wednesday 14th of April. We will follow the normal timetable with work posted on Google Classroom and teachers available to answer questions during designated timeslots. We know there will be hiccups and we are making sure that work times will be as flexible as possible for learners and their families. We would like to appeal to our parent body to continue paying school fees during this difficult time. The vast majority of our budget is spent on salaries for our teachers. If we are to maintain the quality of teaching currently being offered we need to retain these teachers and ensure that we can pay their salaries. We rely on our parent body to support the work we do at St Nicholas and to make the school a viable institution.

I would like to end with a reflection on this Easter period. Travelling to Jerusalem the only person who knew the eventual outcome of the trip was Jesus. His disciples were not prepared for what was to happen after his death and all faltered to some degree during Holy Week. Their faith was tested and time and again they failed but they were ultimately all saved by God's grace. We too will be saved from this pandemic and our faith in Jesus will make us stronger and wiser. Jesus died so that we may live.

Yours sincerely

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