



Principal's Update



COVID-19 UPDATE

The recent COVID-19 outbreak at Thebarton Senior College has reminded us all how quickly the coronavirus can spread throughout the community. Thankfully, the combined and rapid response of the school and the Departments for Education and Health ensured the outbreak was contained and managed highly professionally. However, this means we need need to be prepared to take similar action, with little notice, should one of our staff or students return a positive COVID test. We could receive a call from the Health Department informing us of the need to close the school immediately. If this occurs during a school day we will contact families immediately via text message, with a follow up email to provide more detail. Staff and students will be dismissed and required to leave the school grounds and will not be permitted to return to the site until a deep clean and contact tracing has been completed. If this occurs over a weekend you will receive a text and an email from the school, but you may also hear about it in the media before I can contact you. Later in Week 8 or early Week 9, we will be testing our COVID19 SMS and email system. You will receive a 'test' SMS and follow up email. Please note this is a simply a test of our system. You are not required to reply to the SMS or the email. Let's keep everything crossed and hope we never have to action this plan.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

With the recent warmer weather there has been a flurry of activity on our capital works project. Some trees and vegetation had to be removed to provide access for the large trucks and vehicles that will be required to complete the project. In addition underground pipes have been redirected and/or installed. We are now at the stage where there are a large amount of earthworks, particularly near the Recreation and Arts Centre. This is where the new Performing Arts Centre and the Year 12 Study Centre will be located. At this stage most of the work is happening at the ground level. We do not expect to see vertical progress for another few months as buildings of this size require significant slabs and footings. Running parallel to this project, the Governing Council has been working with local member for King, Paula Luethen, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and the Department for Education to see if we can get approval to construct a 'Kiss and Drop' zone separate to the current staff carpark - near the Park and Ride accessed via The Grove Way. I will keep the community updated on any progress with this proposal.

PARENT SURVEY

The 2020 parent engagement survey opened on Monday 7 September. The survey will be sent to all parents of students enrolled in a South Australian public school. The survey is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on our school to help us to understand:

- What we are doing well
- Where we can improve
- What is really important to you as a parent

All parents and carers who have provided us with their contact details will receive a unique link to the survey. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete and all responses remain confidential. The school will receive only collated information, not individual responses.

If you have not already received the link you can access the unique link for our school survey [here](#)

I encourage all parents to consider completing the survey as the information it will provide will be very valuable to school leaders and will guide us with our planning for the future.

Peter Kuss
Principal