

St Patrick's CBC

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Dear School Family

Following President Ramaphosa's address last night, as well as extensive consultation with our Board of Governors and School Management, I hereby confirm that St Patrick's CBC will be closed as from Wednesday, 18 March 2020 until Tuesday, 14 April 2020. The last day of school will therefore be Tuesday, 17 March 2020 (tomorrow), and the school is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, 15 April 2020. This affects ALL ages and grades, including the ECD Centre.

Our Grade 4 - 12 pupils are currently in Test Week. The pupils will continue writing their respective tests today and tomorrow as scheduled. They will write the remaining papers, which would have been written on 18-20 March 2020, on 20, 21 and 22 April 2020. We will confirm a date on which Term 1 reports will be issued in due course.

The April holiday, which was scheduled to take place from 10 April to 4 May 2020, is therefore replaced by the break commencing when the school closes tomorrow. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are currently not at risk of losing any academic time, but we are investigating online teaching platforms which may be utilized if we are unable to return to school after the Easter break.

In accordance with the statement made by the President, we urge all parents and pupils to please not travel - provincially or abroad - if not absolutely necessary.

We are fortunate to not yet have any confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus in the Northern Cape. Let us all try to limit the impact of this virus on the Kimberley community.

Kind regards

Jacques Tredoux
Executive Head