



## MARITZBURG COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

You will all be aware of the measures put in place as a result of the announcement by President Ramaphosa relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19), and the SA government's measures to contain the spread of the disease. We understand that there will be many families affected by the changes and that plans will have to change as a result, but we ask that we all work together to ensure the best possible care of our boys both physically and academically.

The President announced that one of the three weeks of the June holidays will be used for teaching so we ask parents not to make fixed plans at this time. At this stage, we do not know if term 2 will be extended by a week or if term 3 will start a week earlier. We also ask parents to encourage their boys to take responsibility for their learning and to spend time in the coming weeks doing schoolwork. We will not compromise your son's education this year and we will do what is needed to help our boys. However, they also need to help themselves and must learn to be accountable for their own learning.

I also appeal to parents to educate their families on good hygiene practices and on the concept of "social distancing" whereby we make a real effort to keep at least 1m away from other people at all times. It is in our best interests to keep away from crowded public spaces as we work towards containing the spread of the virus in South Africa.

It is difficult to plan too far ahead, as we do not know what the situation will be in a month's time. For this reason, please make every effort to ensure that you and your sons have access to the D6 School Communicator as well as the school's Moodle <https://moodle.mcollege.co.za/>. A list of Moodle course codes is available on the D6. Many boys are also on teams with their teachers via MS Teams, and this platform provides an ideal opportunity to upload resources and to engage with teachers.

For any boy who is not able to access these electronic platforms, we have asked them to speak to their teachers who will arrange hard copies wherever possible.

If you have any queries that are subject related during this time, please engage directly with your son's subject teacher or the relevant Subject Head. The email addresses of our staff are available on the school's website <https://maritzburgcollege.co.za/>. Alternatively, you may email Miss Hackland on [hacklandc@mcollege.co.za](mailto:hacklandc@mcollege.co.za) and she will re-direct your query to the relevant member of staff.

Finally, our best wishes go to all of our College family, during this difficult time.

Kind regards

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