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Dear Parents and Boys of the Maritzburg College Boarding Establishment

I would like to take this opportunity to touch base with all of you at this very uncertain time. When the BE closed its doors in March and boys all headed home, it was unclear as to how long this would go on for and just how big an impact it would have on all of us. We are fully aware that the anxiety and uncertainty has been overwhelming at times. Parents are trying to keep a positive mind set at home, oversee the teaching of their children as well as plan for what seems to be an uncertain future.

I just wanted to send a letter of encouragement to all of you. As parents, you are doing a wonderful job during these times and I am certain that if there is at least one positive to come out of this lockdown, it is that families will hopefully appreciate the time that they had together; it is time that we cannot put a value on.

We are missing your boys; they are the heartbeat of this magnificent institution. I have been locked down of the campus this entire time and not a day goes by where I don't contemplate what it is going to be like when they all return. Some of the things that go through my mind include the following:

1. We will all appreciate and be a little more tolerant of each other.
2. We will realise the importance of valuing our time together.
3. We will make the most of every opportunity.
4. Friendships will be stronger and the bonds tighter.
5. We won't sweat the small things so much.
6. And lastly, I feel that we will all come out of this having placed a far greater importance on things of value and as a College BE fraternity, we will tackle our future together.



I want to reassure parents that we will do everything that is required of us to keep your sons safe on our campus. This will include all the safety requirements outlined by government as well as extra precautions that we will implement ourselves. Our boys will need to realise that they have a very important role to play in assisting us with implementing these measures and that these precautions are ultimately put in place for the boys' own safety. As we get more clarity on how we are going to stagger our return and the details of how this will all take place, I will send out more correspondence to parents.

I mentioned in my last letter that this time away is going to have the biggest effect on our 6th formers. You have a shortened amount of time remaining at College. What you do with that window of opportunity is up to you. I know that you all want to make the most of your last year at College and we look forward to providing opportunities to make those memories as special as they can be.

To the boys of the other forms – keep your heads up, realise that circumstances can change very quickly and that you too must appreciate every day, making memories with your mates that you will cherish for a lifetime.

Treasure this uninterrupted time with your loved ones. Keep safe and we look forward to having you all back on campus soon.

Kind regards

Ryan Kyle

Head of Boarding



We won't take another game of touch rugby for granted again!!