

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – April 23rd 2020**

### **Greetings**

We are now into the seventh day of our remote teaching and learning program. The technical glitches that befell us in the first two days seem to have been largely overcome at the school level and the home level, though I feel sure there will be further challenges.

We have received a great deal of feedback from parents – thank you. I have also asked for and received feedback from our teachers and aides. It is essential to have an idea of how remote learning is travelling from the various perspectives of the teachers, aides, students and parents.

Based on feedback, we have already made some changes to the way the programs are delivered (increased WebEx time for one) and plan to introduce some more changes that we believe will enable improvements in teaching and learning. One problem we discovered from parents was the difficulty some people had with locating the learning packs on Compass. We have decided to name the learning pack files in a common manner, for example:

Year 6 - Week 3 – Literacy

Junior - Week 3 – Physical Education

We are hoping that changes such as these will improve the process.

I had the opportunity today to drop in on a number of class WebEx sessions. It was indeed lovely to see the children - I am missing them greatly as I know all of our staff members are as well. However, it was lovely to see engaged students joining in and asking questions to clarify the day's work. I will continue to drop in!

Please take the time to be with your children, don't place too much pressure on them, we will get through this and your children's education will be fine. Enjoy the important moments in life. We, at present, seem to be containing Covid-19. Spare a thought for those in other countries where the disease has spread rapidly to the point where health systems are unable to cope and thousands upon thousands are dying.

Focus on the positives – there are many.

### **Maintenance and Building Works**

We are making the most of a school devoid of children, teachers and aides to have some larger maintenance projects completed. Shane, our maintenance person, will be removing the old rotting retaining walls in the playground closest to the car park and replacing them with new posts and sleepers.

A new garden seating area will be formed between the Administration Building and the North Building just near the memorial fountain. The plantings in this area have been donated by the family and friends of a former parent Jane Davey who sadly passed away last year after a battle with Motor Neuron Disease.

We have taken this opportunity to also have the wall in the meeting room inside the staff room that we currently call the Long Room moved out by 1 metre to make the room much more usable.

### **Crossing Supervisors**

I found out from Pam (office) that Peter and Chris were still on crossing duty for the time being at school. I'm sure they are feeling a little lonely, so if your family is out on a walk for exercise and peace of mind at a corresponding time, why not change your route so you can shout out a hello and give a wave to Peter and Chris - from a very safe distance of course!

## Traffic

Fabulous! No holdups, no flared tempers whatsoever! Traffic has never been better!

**Ashley Ryan**  
Principal

### Quote of the Week

"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."

— [Anne Frank](#)

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Aristotle

### Word of the Week

**Seclusion (noun)** the state of being private and away from other people.

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## Lala Music Lessons are now online

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Lala music lessons will be continuing online this term. Please email me to confirm your lesson time. I am more than happy to make a time/day that suits your child's online learning timetable.

Please contact Olivia on 0419 131 868 or [lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au)

Looking forward to working with students again this term

**Olivia**

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## Book Club

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Book Club orders placed in Term 1 have been received by the school and were distributed to students in the last week before the holidays. For those students who were absent that week your order is with your teacher and will be distributed when you return to school.

Book Club orders for this term can be placed online via the LOOP platform. Online orders can be placed at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Orders placed online will be shipped direct to your house for a flat fee of \$5.99 instead of being sent to the school.

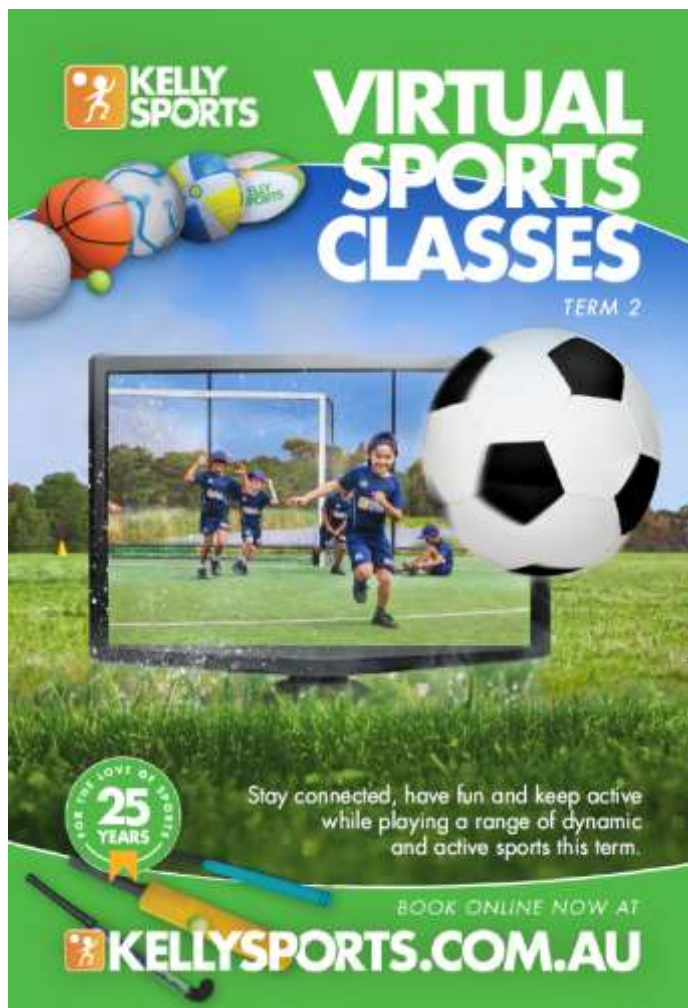
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## How to explore Doncaster Secondary College during COVID-19

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For Grade 6 parents who are considering Doncaster Secondary College for their child next year, please see the attached letter regarding online videos available.

## Community News

The advertisement features a green background with a large soccer ball in the center. A television screen shows children playing soccer on a field. In the top left corner, there is a logo for Kelly Sports and the text 'VIRTUAL SPORTS CLASSES TERM 2'. At the bottom left, there is a circular logo celebrating 25 years of Kelly Sports. The bottom right corner contains the website address 'KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU' and the text 'BOOK ONLINE NOW AT'.

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### VIRTUAL SPORTS CLASSES

Each of the video classes go for around an hour.

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- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ AFL
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Dance (3 options)
- ✓ Crazy Games (3 options)
- ✓ Multi sports (4 options)

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For prep - year 4 students

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