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Dear Parents / Guardians

The third wave of COVID cases not only hit the Western Cape and Stellenbosch, but also PRG. In the last week the confirmed positive cases of Covid-19 have increased drastically. In each of these cases, the boys and their close contacts have been identified and contacted so that they can isolate. This means that we currently have many learners in isolation. We appreciate that our parents are reporting positive cases and through this indirectly ensuring the safety of our learners, staff and parent community. Given the current situation, we have applied to the WCED for a temporary closure of the school in the interest of keeping our learners, staff and their families safe.

**We were informed by the WCED this afternoon that the school may close for a short period.** We apologise for the inconvenience this short notice may cause, but we feel it is the most responsible decision as we want to minimise risks. We trust that this period will make a difference in the transmission rate of the virus among learners and staff. We realise that the decision will lead to frustration and effort on your part, but we trust that parents and learners will understand the challenges that managing the pandemic entails.

It is important not to lose any further academic time, especially with the matrics. If we lose further academic time with our matrics, some subjects might not finish the prescribed syllabus.

Please take note of the following important information:

- PRG will be closed from Monday to Wednesday ( 23, 24 and 25 August ) for all learners. The staff will be at school to ensure that distance learning can continue.
- Only grades 11 and 12 will return to school on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 August. Grades 8 – 10 will continue with distance learning.
- Hostel learners who need to collect textbooks from their hostel rooms, must make an arrangement with the hostel masters.
- Hostel learners who live far away, may still stay at the hostel if they are not isolating or have tested positive.

- Academic work will be available on Google-classroom.
- The external NSC grade 12 music practical will continue as it is their official NSC practical.
- The parent evenings scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday will continue.
- Tests scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday will be rescheduled. New dates will be communicated to the learners.

We ask that all learners and parents continue to behave responsibly by maintaining physical distance, wearing face masks and sanitising regularly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'André van Staden', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

André van Staden

Rector