



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back. We hope that the children had a nice and relaxing holiday and that they are ready for Term 3! As per our letter that was sent out last week, we will continue with our e-learning program for the near future. Our teachers were very enthusiastic and excited about getting this term started and seeing the children again.

## **Important dates**

Term 3

14 July – 22 September – *Teachers return on 13 July – 23 September*

Term 4

06 October – 2 December – *Teachers return 05 October – 4 December*

## **Parent meetings**

Our parent meetings will be conducted via teams this term. It is very important that we discuss the needs of our children and keep up with interventions that need to be implemented. Our Teachers have contacted all parents and arranged a suitable time with each of you. Please make sure that your child is present for the meeting so that we can all be included in the actions and interventions that will be taken.

## **Assessments**

An assessment timetable will be sent home so that parents can monitor which tasks need to be completed and when tests will take place.

## **Extra Lessons**

Please remember that it is compulsory for learners who achieve less than 50% in a subject to attend extra lessons. The only time a learner will be excused from these lessons is if they are off sick and have a medical certificate.

## **Message from our principal Mr. D Swart**

As announced previously, we started the new term on the Teams e-learning program and teaching and learning is well underway throughout the school. We are however planning to start re-integrating some of the grades back into their classrooms. This will be done according to very strict safety protocols as shared with all previously.

Even though many of our children have managed to adapt very well to working from home and have achieved wonderful results, others have struggled and fought against anxiety and stress. With the re-opening of the economy again and parents having to return to work it is necessary for us to become as productive as we possibly can and make use of all the time we have to catch up and get up to speed with all our work. The Grade 12 learners have very little time left and with all the changes in the curriculum they need every minute that they can get to prepare them for the final exams.

We envisage our Grade 10 to 12 classes returning to school on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

It is very important to note that children will have to be collected directly after school in order to ensure that they do not hang around and expose themselves to the virus. Once these grades are back and settled, we will look at the bringing back the next phase until all our classes are running normally again.

This is going to be an adjustment and a mind shift for all concerned, but we will always make sure that our health and safety takes priority!

Masks, washing and sanitizing of hands and social distancing is the new normal and will be observed on a continuous basis. The co-operation and support from parents when their children are sick or show signs of becoming sick is of the utmost importance if we are going to ensure the safety of all role players involved. Please keep in mind that you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child daily as no food preparation may take place on the premises.

Thank you again to all our parents, teachers and staff who are working tirelessly to make the ongoing teaching possible. We appreciate all your efforts and I know that our children will be grateful for all that you are doing today!

We will not return to school in our school uniforms for Term 3. Please ensure that your child wears clean clothes daily and that the necessary safety measures are in place when they get home. This been said, the following school policies remain in force while learners are at school:

- No cellphones allowed on person or in bags.
- Boys need to be cleanly shaved.
- Girls may not wear make-up and jewelry.
- Clothes must be appropriate and respectful.

We look forward to getting back to normal and helping our learners achieve their absolute best!

Kind regards  
High School Teachers