



Riverside College

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Dear Parents

In light of recent events that have changed our lives forever, I would like to share the following motivational message with you. I hope you will find it as inspiring as I did.

It's easy to have FAITH when everything is going to work out, when everything IS working out. It's much harder to have faith when you are facing challenges in your life. But that is exactly when you need to apply your faith. Because faith is believing in the unseen, it is taking the first step. It is jumping into the deep end and KNOWING everything will be OK.

Everything worth the prize will require a real fight to achieve that prize.

If you want the prize you can't quit at half time. You can't quit mid-season. You must play the whole game. Pre-season, through the cold, through darkness, through the challenges, the opponents. You will be knocked down... but you MUST GET UP. KEEP FIGHTING. DIG DEEP and discover your true STRENGTH

Mr Ortell

Important dates

10 August	Public Holiday
Term 3	14 July – 22 September – <i>Teachers return on 14 July – 23 September</i>
Term 4	06 October – 2 December – <i>Teachers return 05 October – 4 December</i>
07 August	Grade 1 and 3 returning to school
11 August	Grade 2 returning to school
17 August	Grades 4 – 6 returning to school
24 August	Aftercare will start operating at Riverside College – there will be NO holiday care at this time.
TBA	The return of the GET phase (Gr 7-9) will be announced in due time.

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. Until further notice all extra lessons will take place via teams in the afternoons as arranged.

School Hours

We have staggered the starting times for the different phases to avoid our children crowding together at the entry points. Please understand that the process of allowing learners into the premises are very strict and we cannot have children arriving late for school every day. The High School children start their classes at 09:00 and thus they need to be at school no later than 8:50 in order for all the procedures to be followed and for our teachers not to be late for their classes.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Please remember that it is against the law to keep your child out of school for any length of time without a valid reason. The pandemic we are experiencing has however forced many parents to keep their children at home because of medical comorbidities.

At Riverside College we do understand that it is a very stressful time for parents to have to send their children back and for those who have a valid reason to be concerned there is a document that needs to be requested from the office, completed and returned to school which allows you to keep your child at home for a while. This document is required by the Dept of Education to keep your child registered and by the school to support your child academically through this uncertain time.

Examinations will take place at the end of the year and your child will need to be on par with his/her classmates in order to be successful in these exams. We will continue to support the learners on Teams after their return to school but there will not be dual teaching at this time. Our teachers cannot teach face to face and virtually at the same time, so you as parent will have to collect and drop off work from school on a weekly basis. Teachers will mark and give feedback on all work received in this manner.

We do not have any confirmation on when our Grade 12 learners will start writing their finals, but we will keep you posted as soon as we have these dates.

Prelims will continue as normal and the final dates will be communicated to you as soon as they are confirmed.

Kind regards
High School Teachers