



## 16 March 2020

Parents of St Leo's Residents  
By email – Various

Dear Parents of St Leo's Residents  
Cc St Leo's Council Members and Staff

You will have heard that the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Høj AC, has paused all lectures and tutorials at the University of Queensland for one week commencing Monday, 16 March till next Monday, 23 March. Please find extracted below, from the VC's 9:30pm 15 March email to all UQ students.

I have advised students that we will pause all coursework teaching at the University from Monday 16 March for **one week only**. Teaching will resume on Monday 23 March.

St Leo's 39-week Residential contracts visit a great degree of flexibility on the College to respond to re-arrangements that may arise by virtue of this week's delay. Should the first semester exam block and graduations also be delayed, neither of these outcomes will impact St Leo's operations.

St Leo's is going to be fully supportive of UQ's efforts to ensure social distance amongst people on campus. To that end, the College will be introducing measures supplementary to the Management and Response Plan published to all Parents, Residents, Staff and Councillors on Wednesday, 4 March.

The College is suggesting that the best way for Residents to respond in the circumstance of the VC's announcement is to treat the time that UQ is on pause as they treat any other student break – travel home if they wish. However, in light of the four diagnoses that have been reported at UQ, the College suggests that if Residents can drive home, that they do so.

To achieve the social distancing that is recommended by both state and federal health agencies, for at least the period of the UQ pause, St Leo's will:

1. Postpone all tutorials
2. Facilitate two staggered meal services – First Year, Second Year and Third Year shifts at lunch and dinner, with each year level dining in a specific part of the College
3. Close the gym, the JCR, the Late Meal Room\* the Reading Room – and other common areas

### **Tutorials**

The Deputy Head of College has advised all students that tutorials are cancelled until further notice.

### **Meal Services**

Breakfast 6:00am-9:00am.

First Years dine in the Dining Room only, maximizing separation.

Second Years dine on the Deck only, maximizing separation.

Third Years dine in the Quad only, maximizing separation.

Lunch 12:00-1:30pm

12:00-12:25pm – Third Years, dine in the Quad.

12:30pm-12:55pm – Second Years, dine on the Deck.

1:00pm-1:25pm – First Years, dine in the Dining Room

Dinner 5:00pm-6:30pm

5:00pm-5:25pm – Third Years, dine in the Quad.

5:30pm-5:55pm – Second Years, dine on the Deck.

6:00pm-6:25pm – First Years, dine in the Dining Room.

At breakfast, lunch and dinner, Residents will be handed their utensils by a member of staff who will be wearing gloves to minimize risks of students handling knives, forks and spoons from common receptacles.

**Common Areas**

St Leo's has a range of common spaces, both indoor and outdoor. To prevent the close contact of people, the College will be closing the indoor common spaces: the JCR, the gym, the Late Meal Room\*.

**Arrangements at St Leo's During the UQ Pause**

- a) As with Swotvac and Exam Block, St Leo's is completely dry, there may be no alcohol consumed anywhere at St Leo's during the UQ pause.
- b) Inter-block sports and social interactions cease as of today's date.
- c) In a pre-emptive measure to respond to the risk that the virus represents to the College's operations, some staff will work from home and will attend St Leo's on rotation.
- d) Next Tuesday's Commencement Dinner has been cancelled.

**Recommendations and Requests**

St Leo's strongly recommends that during this pause period, Residents keep away from any place that causes people to mingle; including well known student forums like local pubs and clubs.

Should Residents feel unwell, they should immediately report to the College front office and attend an appointment with a medical professional, and subject to their privacy, update the College of the outcome of that consultation.

Residents and Staff are encouraged to frequently wash their hands and to avoid touching their faces.

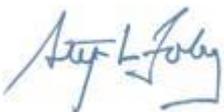
The College will be publishing further public health advice on College noticeboards.

\*The Late Meal Room will be opened from 2:30pm-3:30pm under staff supervision and till 8:00pm each night.

**Concluding Remarks**

St Leo's will continue to communicate with its Residents, Staff and Parents re the impacts of the virus. Could I encourage any Parents who would like further information not to hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes



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St Leo's College  
Within The University of Queensland