



Tuesday 30 June 2009

Dear staff, students and parents of St Aloysius' College,

There remains in our school community only one confirmed case of the H1N1 virus, but many more are affected by illnesses, colds and viruses. As well there are a number of planned excursions and necessary absences. Others are simply playing it safe and staying away from school. In light of these factors, a decision has been made with respect to the conclusion of term.

- Students in Years 7 - 11 will conclude school for Semester One at 3 pm Wednesday 1 July.
- Students in Year 3-6 and 12 will conclude school for Semester One at 3 pm Thursday 2 July.
- All teaching staff will be required at school up to and including Thursday 2 July.

Wednesday 1 July is still listed as a mufti day in the Senior School (Years 7 -12) raising money for our Jesuit School in East Timor, St Joseph's. A proposed House TheatreSports competition to be held Thursday evening will be postponed to next Term. Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies excursion and Year 12 Geography HSC Seminar Wednesday 1 July will continue as normal. Cadet Promotion Course and SCRAM Mediation Course will continue as normal Friday 3 July. CSDA Debating Finals will continue as normal on Friday evening 3 July. A Year 9 and 10 Drama excursion to the Sydney Theatre Company for Thursday morning will go ahead as planned with a bus leaving Bradfield Park at 9.30 am. Kairos retreat and the Philippines Immersion will go ahead as planned in the holidays.

Guided by the Federal and State Departments of Health, a 'protect' rather than 'exclusion' practice applies to all staff and students who have travelled to or are arriving from countries or states that have been nominated as having a community level of transmission. The list of those is subject to change, based on advice from government agencies. All staff and students are asked to continue to register their travel details with the College by email to sam.disano@staloyisus.nsw.edu.au

It is likely that this winter a greater number than usual will contract flu like illnesses, so we continue to ask staff and students to help minimise the spread of infections by exercising and promoting good hygiene practices and staying at home and seeking medical attention if unwell.

Semester Two will commence as scheduled on Monday 27 July for staff and Tuesday 28 July for all students. We wish all members of our College community a safe (and healthy) vacation. Our Reception will remain open throughout the holiday period during office hours of 8 am – 4 pm.

The College's web page (www.staloyisus.nsw.edu.au) and staff and student intranet will have regular updates.

With every best wish

Sam Di Sano
Deputy College Principal