



# RONDEBOSCH

## BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Gr12 Parents

### START OF TERM 2

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. The WCED has approved our back to school plan which means that we are ready to resume face to face teaching when your son returns to school for term 2 on 1 June 2020.

Our Covid 19 response team has finalized the Rondebosch Covid Safety and Risk Management policy and we feel confident that the measures we are putting in place will keep your son and all the staff at Rondebosch safe.

There are a few things that you and your son need to be aware of as follows:

#### 1. ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Your son may arrive at school at any time between 07:00 and 07:50 every week day morning. Entry onto the school campus will be via the Canigou and Sunnybrae gates only. All other gates will be closed. Parents will not be allowed onto the school ground unless it is for urgent school business and permission must be requested from me via email at [Shaukat.Ebrahim@rondebosch.com](mailto:Shaukat.Ebrahim@rondebosch.com)

Please note that, even if it is raining, your son will still have to walk from the gate to the school building and therefore will need to make the necessary provisions eg an umbrella.

#### 2. SCHOOL DRESS CODE

We will be allowing a relaxed dress code for Matrics over this period. Our intention is to ensure that there is no excess clothing that may be left lying around and that clothes can be washed every day without putting stress on the home. We would however want the clothes the boys wear to reflect the studious environment and that they take their learning seriously. We would ask therefore that they are neat in appearance and respectful in their choice of clothing. Given that there has been no access to barbers or hair salons we will not be monitoring hair but we do ask that boys attend school cleanly shaved. While we will provide two masks for every boy, your son may choose to wear his own mask as long as it fits the protective requirements. Should you wish for your son to wear a Perspex visor or surgical gloves he may do so but we will not supply these items. We should strive to wear as few items as possible to reduce the possibility of infection and of leaving items around the school.

Boys will have two options:

##### **OPTION 1**

Boys can come to school in school uniform as follows:

- Long grey trousers or summer school shorts
- White school shirt
- School jersey and/or school tracksuit top and/or Rondebosch jacket
- Grey winter socks with long trousers and Rondebosch socks with the summer school shorts
- No tie
- No school blazer
- No Scarf

## OPTION 2

Boys can come to school in civvies as follows:

- Smart jeans (no open holes or rips) or chinos
- Neat shirt – either collared shirt or T-Shirt
- Closed shoes
- Jersey / Jacket / rain jacket – weather dependent
- No tie
- No scarf
- No clothing items that will drag onto desks, walls etc. for example, long coats.
- No items that can easily fall off their person eg. Cap or hat

### 3. SCREENING

The following screening procedures will be in place:

- (i) The wearing of a face mask is compulsory. Without a face mask, entry onto the school grounds will be prohibited.
- (ii) A google register classroom will be created for each grade 12 class. **After** his temperature is taken at the gate, your son must sign into his register class on google classroom using his phone and complete the questionnaire. The following questions will be asked:

Did you experience a persistent dry cough during the last 24 hours?

Did you suffer from a fever during the last 24 hours?

Did you suffer a persistent shortness of breath during the last 24 hours?

Have you experienced a sore throat during the last 24 hours?

Did you suffer from diarrhea during the last 24 hours?

Have you experience loss of taste or smell during the last 24 hours?

Within the last 14 days, did you have direct contact with someone known to have contracted covid-19?

What was your temperature reading at the entrance today?

- (iii) When arriving at school, his temperature will be checked using an infrared thermometer.

Please note that your son **must not** come to school if he presents with any of the Covid-19 symptoms. If your son, when being screened at the gate, presents with a temperature above 38 °C, he must go home immediately to self isolate and seek medical attention if necessary. If he cannot go home or be fetched immediately, he will be escorted to the designated isolation facility, where he will remain until he is fetched.

#### 4. SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Hand sanitizers will be available at strategic places in the corridors, at the toilets and in every classroom. We expect boys to use these regularly. Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of the school day, with the exception of the IT Lab, EGD classroom, Art rooms and the Chris Murison IT lab, which will be cleaned and sanitized after every lesson.

#### 5. PHYSICAL DISTANCING

After being screened and allowed to enter the school grounds, boys who came through the Canigou gate must enter the school building through the clocktower entrance and those at the Sunnybrae gate must enter the school building via the Gym alley. Since we cannot have boys congregating, they must go directly to their register class, unless they arrive at school early, in which case they can go to the matric lawn or the rugby stands, maintaining physical distancing at all times.

#### 6. ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The desks or tables in all the classrooms will be spaced so that physical distancing can be adhered to. Boys will be required to sanitize when they enter and leave the classroom. In order to be compliant with the physical distancing and gatherings rules, we are splitting the grade 12s into two groups as follows:

**Group 1:** Boys with surnames **A to L**

**Group 2:** Boys with surnames **M to Z and ALL the boarders**

We will be running the timetable in a two week cycle, having a **Week A** and a **Week B**. The academic programme will be structured in such a way that only half the grade will be at school on a particular day. In Week A, Group 1 will come to school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only and Group 2 will come to school on Tuesday and Thursday only. In week B, this is reversed. This means that Group 1 and 2 will not be at school on the same days.

The table below simplifies how the academic program will work:

WEEK	GROUP	DAYS AT SCHOOL
A	1	Mon, Wed and Fri
	2	Tue and Thu
B	1	Tue and Thu
	2	Mon, Wed and Fri

The weeks are as follows:

Dates	Week
01 June to 05 June	A
08 June to 12 June	B
15 June to 19 June	A
22 June to 26 June	B
29 June to 03 July	A
06 July to 10 July	B
13 July to 17 July	A
20 July to 24 July	B
27 July to 31 July	A
03 August to 07 August	B
10 August to 14 August	A
17 August to 21 August	B
24 August to 28 August	A

The teaching timetable that we will follow is shown below:

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
Reg	08:00	00:10	Reg	08:00	00:10	Reg	08:00	00:10	Reg	08:00	00:10	Reg	08:00	00:10
P1	08:10	00:45	P2	08:10	00:45	P1	08:10	00:45	P1	08:10	00:45	P1	08:10	00:40
P2	08:55	00:45	P3	08:55	00:45	P2	08:55	00:45	P2	08:55	00:45	P2	08:50	00:40
P3	09:40	00:45	P4	09:40	00:45	P3	09:40	00:45	P3	09:40	00:45	P3	09:30	00:40
<b>Br</b>	<b>10:25</b>	<b>00:25</b>	<b>Br</b>	<b>10:25</b>	<b>00:25</b>	<b>Br</b>	<b>10:25</b>	<b>00:25</b>	<b>Br</b>	<b>10:25</b>	<b>00:25</b>	<b>Br</b>	<b>10:10</b>	<b>00:20</b>
P4	10:50	00:45	P5	10:50	00:45	P4	10:50	00:45	P4	10:50	00:45	P4	10:30	00:40
P5	11:35	00:45	P6	11:35	00:45	P5	11:35	00:45	P6	11:35	00:45	P5	11:10	00:40
P7	12:20	00:45	P7	12:20	00:45	P6	12:20	00:45	P7	12:20	00:45	P6	11:50	00:40
<b>End</b>	<b>13:05</b>		<b>End</b>	<b>13:05</b>		<b>End</b>	<b>13:05</b>		<b>End</b>	<b>13:05</b>		<b>End</b>	<b>12:30</b>	
<b>No P6 (LO)</b>			<b>No P1 (Test)</b>						<b>No P5 (Double Mth)</b>					

The Department of Basic Education has indicated that the 2020 National Senior Certificate examination will go ahead with the complete CAPS syllabus for the Grade 12s. This means that the Grade 12 syllabus will not be trimmed. In order to complete the prescribed syllabus, our teachers will deliver as much of the content as is possible on the day that your son is at school. He will be given work to do for the next day when he is at home. The SBA requirements for Grade 12 have been amended, with the biggest change being that there will be no midyear examination. In some subjects, the boys will still be required to do formal tests and practical assessments tasks (PAT). A revised SBA timetable will be given to the boys as soon as it is finalised.

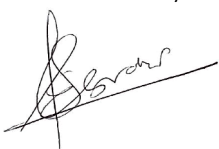
The return date of 01 June for matric learners has been dictated by the Department of Education. We are a public school and must follow regulation. We will however offer some leeway where there are clear difficulties in getting your son to school or if there is a medical record of comorbidities as defined by the department (see the SOP). It would place our educators in a very difficult position if they are called upon to run both face to face and remote learning for Grade 12s and the question of who decides when it is time for a learner to return also becomes pertinent. The intention is to complete the matric year in full and our teachers will be making every effort to plan their classroom teaching accordingly. If there are reasons for keeping your son at home, please contact me at [shaukat.ebrahim@rondebosch.com](mailto:shaukat.ebrahim@rondebosch.com). The required documentation will then be forwarded to you.

## 7. END OF THE DAY

As indicated on the timetable above, the school day will end at 13:05 Mondays to Thursdays and at 12:30 on a Friday. We are encouraging our boys to go home immediately at the end of the day. The parking lot next to the school pool will be a designated pick-up point and can be entered and exited through the Tullyallen gate only. Boys will also be able to leave through the Sunnybrae pedestrian gate.

We are looking forward to welcome your son back to school on 01 June 2020. Although circumstances are going to be far from normal, we hope that interacting face to face with your son will bring about a positive and happier disposition for everyone.

Yours sincerely



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Senior Deputy Headmaster  
Academic Head



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