

IONA COLLEGE

A Catholic Boys' College conducted by The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

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Good Morning Gentlemen,

I write to inform you of a decision taken yesterday by the AIC Management Committee.

After much consideration, the Committee reached the conclusion that the Association would be unable to meet the requirements of the Australian and state governments and medical authorities if sporting events for the last round of this term and for the entirety of the second term were to take place. The Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) has therefore decided to cancel all sport and activities effective immediately. This includes all training, trial games and games for the last round of Term 1 and for all of Term 2. The chess competition is included.

The Colleges appreciate that this will cause significant disappointment amongst the student bodies as they have invested a lot of time and effort in their training and preparation. However, our greater priority is not only your safety and well-being but also the safety and well-being of all our College communities and the wider community. We do this by playing our part in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

At this stage, a decision has not been made about sport in the third term. A final decision on this depends on the advice available from relevant authorities closer to the start of that term. The AIC is also committed to reviewing the sporting calendar for the second semester with a view to including Term 2 sports if possible.

The AIC Colleges appreciate your support and understanding of this decision. Whilst we understand the disappointment for so many people, we hope that the virus is contained as soon as possible with the best outcomes for all people.

Regards
Mr Goodwin