

1 June 2020

**Dear Saints Family** 

## **Opening of St Stithians College**

The last few days in our education sector have been challenging with much confusion for the Independent School Sector. We happily announced on Friday that we were returning to school today, 1 June, only to have that changed yesterday.

This afternoon I write to confirm that we have formally received a letter from the Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Motshekga, and from ISASA, confirming that Independent School may re-open for learners in Grades 7 and 12 with effect from 1 June 2020, provided that they are in compliance with the health, safety and social distancing requirements set out in the COVID-19 Compliance Monitoring Tool.

This is exciting news for our College and for our community as we had received the approval to open our campus on Thursday from our Gauteng MEC for Education, Mr Panyaza Lesufi. We now look forward to welcoming students and staff onto the campus, beginning with some of our Matric students tomorrow, 2 June.

We await further confirmation for the re-opening of Independent Schools for students in Grades other than 7 and 12. As soon as we receive further news in this regard, we will immediately inform our Saints community.

We are looking forward to the sounds and sights of our students on our beautiful campus from tomorrow, and our Grade 7 students on Friday.

Yours sincerely

Celeste Gilardi Rector: St Stithians College

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