



Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development
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ITEMS	KEY MESSAGE	EMPHASIS
<p>1. Update for Schools following the most recent COVID-19 cases</p>	<p><u>To All Education Authorities and All Schools in Honiara</u></p> <p>Following the declaration by the Prime Minister of the most recent COVID-19 cases, the Ministry of Education maintains its position, therefore issues the following advisory to all Education Authorities and Schools in the Honiara Emergency Zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Do not panic. Always listen and follow advice from the relevant and responsible government authorities, such as the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Oversight Committee, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education (ii) Schools in the Honiara City boundary including SINU and USP Campuses, Technical Vocational Centres, and schools located in Guadalcanal province up to Alligator Creek in the east and up to Poha river in the west are to remain open. 	

	<p>(iii) Schools in Honiara must activate their Incidental Standard Operating Procedures (ISOPs), and implement COVID-19 safety measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no handshaking - enforce social and physical distancing - avoid crowded areas - washing of hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - use of hand sanitizers - coughing into elbow - wearing of simple facemasks in public places <p>(iv) Suspend all daily and weekly big gatherings such as school assemblies, sports and so on.</p>	
<p>2. National Examination (Call for Nation-wide support)</p>	<p><u>To Parents, Teachers and Communities in the Country</u></p> <p>This is to confirm that the National Examinations for Forms 5 and 6 will continue on Monday 16th November 2020, and will end on Friday 20th November 2020.</p> <p>Our students may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic since March this year. As a Christian country, it is very important that as parents, communities and the whole nation as a whole, we should provide our support to our examination students through our prayers and other support. Also, be reminded to keep the examination</p>	

	venues free from noise and disturbances during the examination period.	
3. SISEE Task Force Support Visit to EAs and Schools	<p><u>To Education Authorities, Principals and Headteachers</u></p> <p>Be inform that MEHRD SISEE task force team members will be visiting your provinces, Education Authorities and schools in the next 2 weeks. The purpose of the visits will be to provide support to the Education Authorities and to do monitoring of the SISEE phase out programme. Prepare to meet them.</p>	
4. Early Closure of 2020 Academic Calendar	<p><u>To: All Education Authorities and All Schools in the country</u></p> <p>This serves to advise all Education Authorities, School Principals, Head teachers, and ECE Supervisors that the Senior Management Team (SMT) of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) has made a decision on the early closure of the 2020 Academic Calendar.</p> <p>King George VI School will close on Friday 20th November 2020, and will begin its early school holiday as of Monday 23rd November 2020. The rest of the schools will close on Friday 27th November 2020, and will begin their early school holiday as of Monday 30th November 2020.</p>	

	<p>King George VI School's early break is due to preparation that needs to be done on the student dormitories to be used for quarantine facilities for returning graduating students mainly from Fiji and Vanuatu institutions.</p> <p>The rest of the schools are to have an early break due to financial situation. Due to non-payment of school fees by some parents, some schools are facing financial difficulties to operate until the end of the 2020 academic calendar. Furthermore, the current COVID-19 situation is fluid and unpredictable, and schools especially in the Honiara emergency zone will be at risk if the virus spreads to the community.</p>	
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