



**ST ANDREW'S  
PREP SCHOOL, TURI**

**VIRTUAL LEARNING**

**CHRISTMAS TERM  
PROSPECTUS 2020 - 2021**

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Engaging • Integrated • Structured • Holistic



# Bringing Turi to your home



# Building communities while physically apart

## A message from the **Headmaster**

I am delighted to share with you that Wendy and I have arrived on site at St Andrew's Turi. Given the global situation, we praise God for enabling our travel here to go so smoothly. We have received a warm welcome from staff on the school site.



This document sets out our Prospectus for Virtual Learning provision for the Christmas Term 2020. As we all know, the global situation changes rapidly, with each nation developing its own response to the pandemic. Here at St Andrew's we remain passionate about providing our young learners with three things:

**Firstly**, we aim to replicate, as far as possible, what is distinctive about their Turi experience: the Christian ethos, the personal relationships with their teachers and tutors, the holistic educational provision and the standards that you would expect from a leading school that always aims to 'Seek the Highest'. As our mission states, we are committed to transforming the hearts, minds, bodies and souls of all of our pupils.

**Secondly**, we aim to create a program that will grow in technical sophistication, gradually increase the demands on their self-discipline, and challenge their creativity and collaboration. The program will have clear and compelling outcomes, diverse and engaging tasks, and be supported by an interactive and caring staff.

**Thirdly**, we aim to give you, our loyal parents, the support, information and feedback that you need to not only manage your own lives in these demanding days, but also allow you to engage with your child's progress and learning in a far fuller way than perhaps boarding school might usually allow for.

In the next few pages you will find the key information you are looking for from us as educators, which includes details of how we are improving our Curriculum and Co-Curricular provision. In line with our overarching aim to 'Seek the Highest' we continue with our sense of aspiration and ambition both for this programme and your children.

is very much based on our collective strong partnership with you, their parents. We hope that during this term you will once again be willing to join us in ensuring your children are supported and challenged as much as possible, as well as continuing to have an impact for good on those around us.

We acknowledge the trust you are placing in us to educate your children; we recognize this

I know the staff team very much look forward to bringing Turi back to your home this term.

**Ian D Wright**



# Transforming the Heart

SUPPORTING • LISTENING • NURTURING • ENCOURAGING

At this difficult and uncertain time, we are fully aware that our young children will be feeling a huge range of emotions, especially as life becomes increasingly pressured over the coming months. To that end, our pastoral care is as critical now as it has ever been, and as part of our virtual learning program, we are looking to help our children grow in empathy and self-awareness, show compassion and understanding for those around them, and strengthen their mental health. We also want to further equip you and your children in keeping your children safe online, and be present and personal in helping your children deal with whatever issues arise.

## Overview:

As we go through the 13 weeks of virtual learning, the program will develop the following features:

- Regular live video tutor group sessions
- Individual tutor sessions
- Social and Emotional learning
- Mental Health education
- Wellbeing challenges
- Online counselling



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Notes
- Informal comments
- Virtual Headmaster's Assemblies
- Safety and Wellbeing Monitoring



# Transforming the Mind

ENGAGING • RESPONSIVE • INNOVATIVE • DISTINCTIVE

Our online academic curriculum aims to not only develop the minds of our young learners, embedding core skills, developing new skills and knowledge, and helping them grow as creative, collaborative and critical thinkers. It also aims to help our learners grow in technical capability, develop new ways of presenting understanding and thinking, and strengthen their levels of self-discipline and academic motivation.

## Overview:

As we go through the 13 weeks of virtual learning, the program will develop the following features:

- Interactive online lessons
- Video and voice tutorials
- Live oral feedback
- Integrated live video lessons
- M.A.D Time (Reflect and engage in rich learning opportunities)
- Individualised learning support
- 'Weekly Notes' for parents and pupils
- Pupil 'Learning Angels' mentor team
- Formal End-of-term Assessments



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Notes
- Formal Reports
- Half term Reports
- End of Term Reports
- End of year Assessments
- Certificates
- Phoenix Stamps
- Headmaster's commendations
- Turi Awards



# Transforming the **Body**

CHALLENGING • RESOURCING • LEADING • THRIVING

One of the other key distinctives of a Turi education is the emphasis we place on growing leadership, character and skills through our co-curricular program. We also firmly recognise the importance of physical and creative outlets for your child's mental health. To that end, we aim to provide your children with a range of activities that can suit their circumstances, home resources and facilities and enable them to thrive.

## Overview:

As we go through the 13 weeks of virtual learning, the program will develop the following features:

- Dynamic and balanced program of activities for afternoons and weekends
- Accountability through the completion of Leadership Notebooks
- Projects, competitions and challenges
- Virtual prizes, certification and recognition awards
- Virtual assemblies on the topic of leadership
- House competitions
- MSMUN
- Choir and ensembles
- Live workouts
- Events
- Leader in me



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Notes
- Comments
- Co – Curricular Challenges
- Competitions
- Weekly Mentoring from Staff
- Virtual Headmaster's Assemblies



# Transforming the **Soul**

ROOTED • LIVING • NOURISHING • LOVING

We recognise that for many parents, Turi's distinctive Christian ethos is a core and essential part of our education. We want our Christian faith to be present in all aspects of our online and offline experience.

Therefore, we are focusing our Christian provision on the two greatest commandments, namely to 'Love God' and to 'Love our Neighbour'. Where the former is concerned, we hope to give your child the opportunity to hear from the bible and to grow in understanding of God's word, to pray with staff and their peers, and to worship and celebrate God's love for them. For the latter, we will be working with your child to explore how they can best love and serve their 'neighbours' at a time such as this.

## Overview:

As we go through the 13 weeks of virtual learning, the program will develop the following features:

- Daily spiritual 'nuggets'
- Online interactive Christian Unions
- Online Bible studies
- Regular 'calls to action'
- Online Chapel service and talks
- 24/7 faith living audio stream
- Sharing pupil testimony of faith in action



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Encouragement Diary
- Chaplaincy 'Shout Outs'



# Shape of the Day

FULL • FLEXIBLE • VARIED • FULFILLING

## Outcomes

- Keeping your child active in a structured day.
- Balanced screen time in a day.
- Keeping you fully informed of your child's program and the School's expectations

The daily program will include the following:



Interactive tutor session, Bible reading, prayer and worship



(5) X 45 minute interactive lessons



Independent study tasks and projects



Co-curricular Time

It is important to note that as we go through the 13 weeks of virtual learning, this program will introduce and develop new features that engage and motivate your child, as well as stretch and challenge their self-discipline, collaboration, creativity and presentation skills.

The week will also feature:



A sermon from the Headmaster or Chaplaincy team



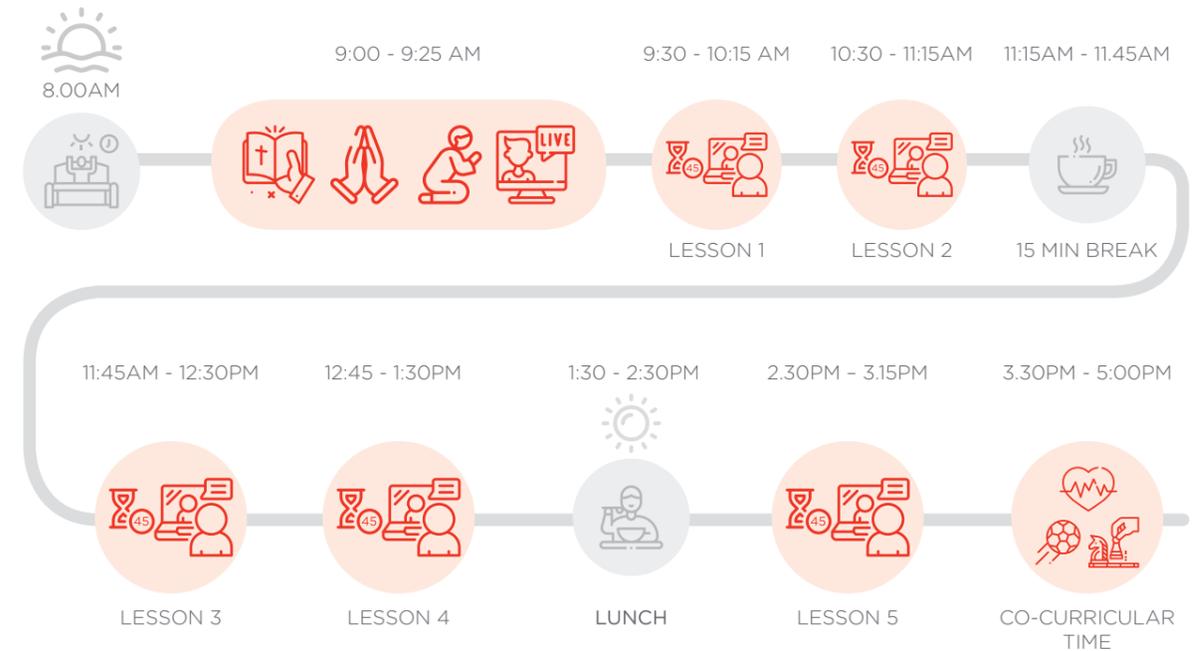
A celebration assembly with the Headmaster



Virtual assemblies on the topic of leadership



# Structure of a typical Day



St Andrew's School, Turi is committed to ensuring that the safety of their children online is of paramount importance. A special addendum to the School's Safeguarding Policy is available on the website, and all of our Safeguarding and Child Protection protocols continue to apply.



# Communication Centre

RESPONSIVE • QUICK • UNDERSTANDING • PERSONAL

- Email communication with children's programme the latest news and developments.
- A helpdesk, to help you with any technical, academic or pastoral issues
- 'Weekly Notes' with specific feedback on how your child is doing
- Parent and pupil 'Pulse Surveys' and Focus Groups, to hear how the program is going, and understand any adjustments that might need to be made.
- Reports and Assessments



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q Who is my child's main point of contact?

A Your child's tutor. You should expect a response in no less than 48 hours.

## Q When will my child's day start and end?

A Please see the shape of the day section on this prospectus

## Q Will my child sit an end of term assessment?

A Yes. The usual end-of-term assessments will take place. More details will follow.

## Q How will I access technical support?

A There will be a Help Desk available through the iSAMS App on the Parent Portal.

## Q How will my child participate in co-curricular activities from home?

A A range of activities will be provided daily that will take into account the resources available at home

# What's **New**

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- 5 Lessons per day in KS3
- Smart Saturdays (Stretch and Challenge sessions). Each Saturday a different department runs a 'stretch and challenge' session. 2 hours: from 9.30 – 11.30am
- Extrinsic Motivation
- Turi Endeavour Award
- Pupil Committees
- A 1:11 adult to pupil ratio per class



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