



**ST ANDREW'S  
SENIOR 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**

Welcome to our Prospectus for our Virtual Learning provision for the Christmas Term 2020. It is a difficult time that the world is currently tackling however, it is the situation we are all facing and we look forward to supporting your child so that they flourish even when we are not physically together. In terms of the learning we provide, we remain focused on these three points:



**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 students.

**Secondly**, we aim to create a program that will grow in technical sophistication, gradually increasing 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 not only all the key information you are looking for from us as educators, but also how we have looked to improve our virtual education offering taking into consideration feedback from students, teachers and parents. We have amended our programme slightly in order for all our students to do as well as they possibly can. We look forward to stretching them but also connecting with them. Finally, while we are missing being together,

we look forward to continuing to grow as a Turi community – building each other up and supporting each other along the way. I would also like to thank you for entrusting your child in our care and we look forward to getting to know your child even better. God has made us all uniquely and we look forward to celebrating this always, online or not.

**Andrew Boule**



# Transforming the **Heart**

SUPPORTING • LISTENING • NURTURING • ENCOURAGING

At this difficult and uncertain time, we are fully aware that our students 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 virtual learning for the Christmas Term, the program will develop the following features:

- Online individual support
- Social and Emotional support and learning
- Mental Health education
- Regular live tutor group sessions
- Wellbeing challenges
- Online counselling
- Pastoral Support



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Feedback
- Informal comments
- Virtual 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 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. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to grow as independent learners.

## Overview:

As we go through the virtual learning for the Christmas Term, the program will develop the following features:

- Interactive online lessons
- Video and voice tutorials
- Regular feedback
- Integrated live lessons
- Individualised learning support
- Weekly Feedback for parents and students
- Formal End-of-Term Assessments



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Feedback
- Formal Reports
- Half Term Reports
- End of Term Reports
- Positives
- Altiora Peto Awards
- Certificates and 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 virtual learning for the Christmas Term, the program will develop a dynamic and balanced program of activities for the day.

- Leadership Messages
- Projects, competitions and challenges
- Virtual prizes, certification and recognition
- President's Award guidance and direction
- Turi Leadership Award program
- Staff and student co-curricular challenges



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Feedback
- Comments
- Co – Curricular Challenges
- Competitions
- Tutor Group Celebrations
- Virtual 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 virtual learning for the Christmas Term, the program will develop the following features:

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



## Evaluation and Feedback

- Weekly Encouragement
- Chaplaincy 'Shout Outs'



# Shape of the Day

FULL • FLEXIBLE • VARIED • FULFILLING

## Outcomes

- Keeping your child active and their day structured
- 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:



Daily Bible reading, prayer and worship



Daily interactive tutor session



15min Turi community time – the School coming together



(5) X 1 hour interactive lessons in the morning & afternoon, allowing for more flexibility regarding deadlines



Co-curricular challenges and competitions

It is important to note that as we go through the Christmas term for online 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 Christian Message



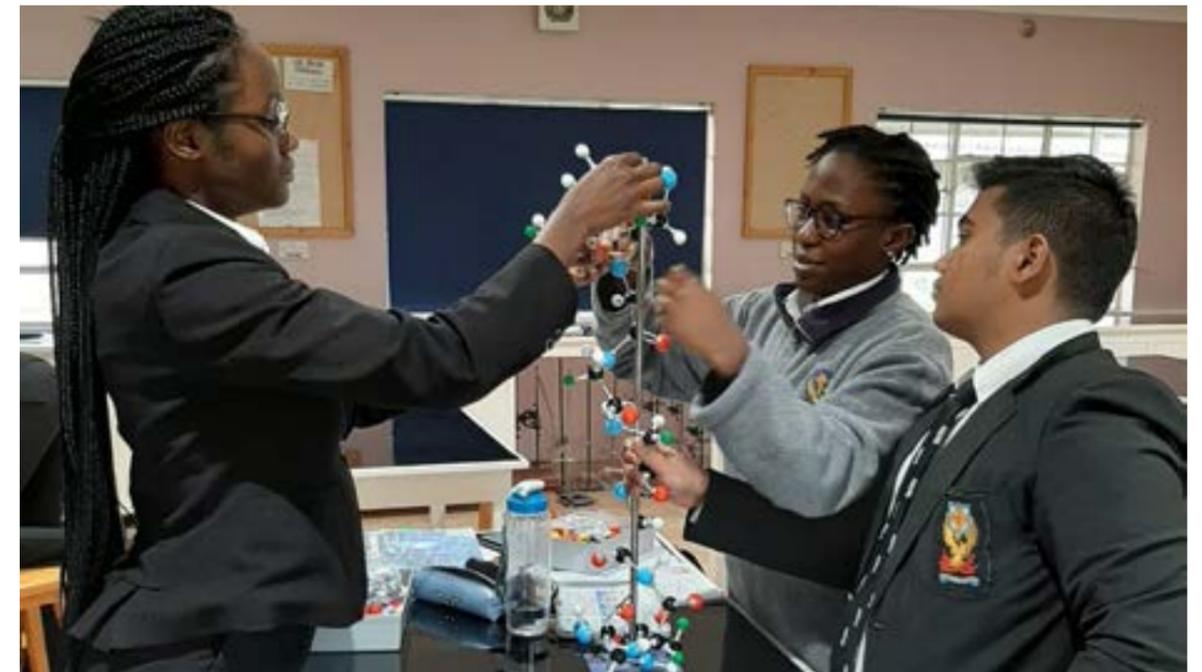
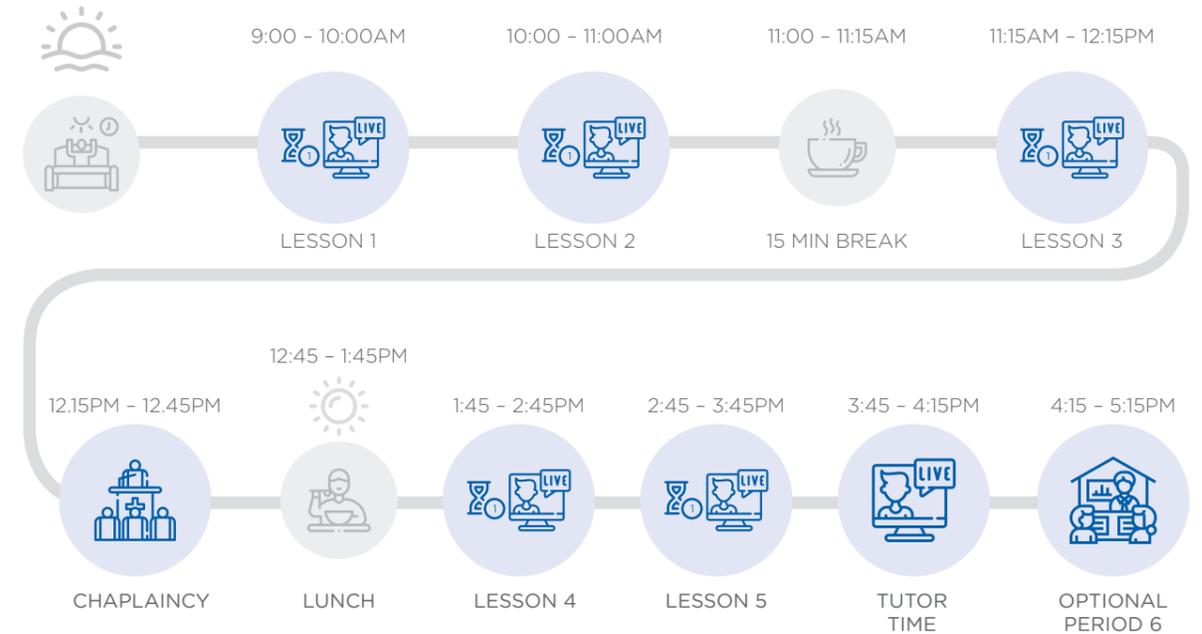
A celebration assembly with the Headmaster



Leadership messages of encouragement



# 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

- 'Weekly Feedback' on how your child is doing.
- Parent and student 'Pulse Surveys' and Focus Groups, to hear how the program is going, and understand any adjustments that might need to be made.
- Formal assessment grades.
- Formal end-of-term reports including feedback on end-of-year assessments.



# Frequently Asked Questions

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

A Your child's tutor. You should expect a response within 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 the end of term assessment?

A Yes, students will sit the end-of-term exams.

## 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
- Mentorship programmes
- Student leadership during optional Period 6 (4:15pm - 5:15pm EAT)
- A robust and personalised feedback system for both students and parents
- Saturday morning sessions to include Clinics, Consultations and Interventions (9:00am - 12:00noon EAT)



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