



SACS WATER MANAGEMENT

As stated in previous communications, the School Governing Body (SGB) has been working on a strategy to manage the current water crisis and ensure that the school is able to continue functioning during a possible day zero scenario. We have confronted this issue in an objective manner, balancing the interests of all SACS stakeholders, as well as the Cape Town community at large.

1. Day to Day Initiatives

- 1.1. The showers in the school are no longer available to boys;
- 1.2. Hand sanitisers are being installed in all cloakrooms, with only one tap per cloakroom being open;
- 1.3. Boys will not be permitted to drink from the taps, and will be encouraged to use the drinking fountain which will remain open. We also encourage boys to bring their own water to school, where possible. Boys will be able to replenish their own water bottles from the taps that remain open.
- 1.4. A number of proposals have been received requesting that boys be allowed to attend school in their sports kit, so as to avoid having to utilise two sets of clothing. The SGB has decided to retain the status quo, but this will be reviewed in the weeks ahead. The school accepts that clothes may not be washed on a daily basis.

2. SACS Sport

- 2.1. Sport remains an integral part of the educational philosophy at SACS, and extensive discussions have been had as to the management of sport during this period. In a meeting between the Heads of many of our neighbouring schools, it was decided to continue with the sports programme, albeit on a curtailed basis.
- 2.2. Cricket matches will continue, but will be limited to 50 over/T20 matches. Fixtures will in some cases be curtailed.
- 2.3. A number of sporting festivals which occur before the winter rainfall period and draw visitors from out of town have been cancelled. These include the Wynberg Rugby and Hockey Festival, The Nomads Hockey Festival in April and the Rondebosch under 16 Hockey Festival. At this stage we will not be cancelling the SACS Waterpolo Festival scheduled for September. We will review the hosting of this event should the drought continue through the winter months.

2.4. The waterpolo schedule has already been curtailed, and it may be that matches will be played at a centralised venue shared by other schools.

2.5. Irrigation of our fields has been reduced dramatically, to ensure that we are compliant with the prescribed restrictions as per regulation 6B. The school uses non-potable water for this irrigation.

3. Water Security

3.1. The SGB is committed to implementing a long-term solution to the current crisis by ensuring that SACS has a water supply independent of the municipal system.

3.2. A borehole will be sunk within the next week, and a possible second borehole has also been approved. The SGB is engaging with contractors with a view to the purification of the borehole water, as well as the possible construction of a reservoir. The objective being to have an independent source of purified water for the school and hostels.

3.3. It is a priority of the SGB to ensure that the ablution facilities have an independent water source, as this will be critical should day zero occur.

3.4. The School will continue to utilise the spring water to which we have lawful access, in a responsible manner.

3.5. The school has purchased four additional 5000L Jojo tanks to harvest rain water in the coming months. These tanks are currently being installed.

4. Hostels

4.1. The Hostels have been harvesting rain from their roofs for an extended period and have a water storage capacity of 73 000L. This currently provides water for ablution facilities.

4.2. Hand sanitisers are used in each bathroom and boarders are only permitted to have one short shower per day

4.3. Long-term water security for the hostels will be part of the Water Security initiatives set out above.

The above measures and interventions will be reviewed on a weekly basis. We will continue to communicate with stakeholders as the situation develops.



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