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Dear Parents, Guardians and Sponsors

This is a brief message to update you on the academic status of the Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute.

We recognise and appreciate the support you play to each of our students. The Covid-19 lockdown has created unexpected challenges for South Africans and the entire world. However we are united in securing a safe and sustainable future for all of us, and our students in particular.

The College management have been working very hard to find solutions to reorganise the year planner and to ensure that students are able to continue studying even though they are not physically on campus. Lecturers have been maintaining contact with our students through various ways to ensure minimum disruption, despite the challenges. I am pleased to say that our lecturers are fully committed to ensure that the 2020 study year is completed. This commitment will not come without difficulties - groups of students have different challenges including access to resources, or challenging living situations, to mention a few. We are exploring numerous innovative ways to overcome these challenges. The distance learning approach we developed for the students will ensure that they can continue studying. Individual lecturers will engage with students to provide support and clarity regarding assignments and assessments. Please note that no formal assessments are being conducted at this stage, to ensure that no students are disadvantaged.

As an institution, we are not clear on when the President will either lift or ease the lockdown provisions. However, as soon as allowed, I want to give you the assurance that the students will be timeously informed as to when they can return to campus life.

In the meantime, learning must continue by whatever means, despite the challenges.
Please continue to support our students in this regard. And keep safe!

Kind Regards



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DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

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