



## The Impact of COVID-19: A Student's View

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Almost every aspect of a student's normal life has been affected by the spread of the coronavirus and its afflicting disease COVID-19. Not only at Hillview College has the student's routine, academics, socialization and all-round thinking been altered in some way but, the entire world has also had to be re-fashioned.

Firstly, with the introduction of this virus, there were many academic concerns shared among the student population at Hillview relating to accessibility of work and online classes. There was also the looming question of if school would reopen for term three.

Coronavirus did not only impact students' academics but also their social interactions with their friends and teachers. Students lost out on that valuable one on one interaction due to the quarantine period.

However, after adjusting to the volatility of the pandemic, Hillview College commenced online learning hoping to provide education, as always. This allowed teachers to reimagine the delivery of an engaging and holistic learning experience for students. Although this was challenging, it was also a massive opportunity to break out of old habits and create new and impactful modes of learning that take advantage of technology at this very moment.

There were some undoubted challenges that were faced. As a form three student, for example, this was the time for me to choose the subjects which I would pursue in the later forms. However, due to the coronavirus, this process was hampered since there would be no formal testing for term three. Additionally, with the implementation of online learning, some students lacked the facilities necessary to attend classes. Teachers may have also faced issues with successful delivery of work to students especially with regard to ensuring that the students pay attention and follow the lesson without the at-home distractions. Although online learning was an adequate contingency plan, it therefore still had its cons.

To conclude, I would like to encourage fellow students to continue studying and doing extra work along with online classes. I believe proper usage of this extra time would definitely pay off in the future.