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Dear Students of NAS

On behalf of the Board of the National Art School I am writing to thank you, our students, for taking up the challenge of COVID-19 and remaining connected to your art practice.

As one of you wrote, it isn't easy being an art student 'in captivity'.

However, I know that your wonderful teachers and NAS administrative staff are working very hard to transition your studio-based learning to online platforms in the most innovative and creative way. I can see on your social media sites that you are also creating your own innovative ways of connecting and 'working together'. I think that is very exciting and I am sure this process will continue and develop long after we have said goodbye to COVID-19.

The Board and staff are very concerned for the health and welfare of all our students and want to provide the best possible support we can through this period. This can also be a difficult time for your family members. It is very important that you access the various support services that NAS provides if you feel the need.

The Board of course also has the responsibility to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of the School. We are certainly very focused on this matter, and confident that we will emerge from this pandemic in good financial shape.

In hard times there is often an outpouring of creative energy. I hope you might feel inspired by meeting the challenges ahead and perhaps develop a new or different approach in your artistic practice.

Whatever direction your practice develops over the months ahead, I would like to wish you the very best and I look forward to seeing you back on campus later this year.

Sincerely

Carolyn Fletcher  
Chair  
The National Art School Board

