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Dear Parents,

We appreciate that at this time there is considerable anxiety relating to COVID-19. In line with the Prime Minister's announcement this morning, schools remain open with additional precautions in place. Restrictions on large group interaction and events have been implemented. Teachers continue to reinforce high standards of personal hygiene to students and our cleaning team have introduced increased cleaning protocols and procedures.

It is important to note that the teaching staff continue to provide quality teaching and learning programs for students at the College. They prepare thoroughly for lessons and ensure each is a valuable experience for students. Where possible, attendance at school helps students to maintain a sense of routine and normalcy that is important for their sense of well-being.

Voluntary Student Absence

Some parents may choose to withdraw from School at this time if they have concerns for their child's health. This may be the case for students with underlying health conditions that place them in a high-risk category. It is essential that families notify the School of their child's absence, as per usual procedures. Where an absence is not essential under the latest government or official medical advice, this is classed as 'Family Business' and so does not meet the requirements for Approved Leave.

Teachers will provide limited tasks that help students remain up to date with aspects of classroom learning.

Pre-K to Year Two

Teachers will send an email to parents to provide suggestions for learning activities students may undertake at home, particularly those that support literacy and numeracy development. They may also suggest some home-based experiences that do not directly relate to school but are beneficial to early learning. Teachers may use familiar platforms such as SeeSaw to share class tasks with absent students.

Year Three to Six

Teachers will email suggested learning activities that students may complete at home. These may include students accessing familiar platforms such as SeeSaw or Google Drive to continue regular class tasks. They may also suggest some home-based experiences that do not directly relate to school but are beneficial to learning in the primary years.

Year Seven to Ten

Teachers will email suggested learning activities that students may complete at home. This may include directing students to use platforms such as Google Drive and Canvas to access some regular class tasks. Students should also ensure they have access to their physical or online textbooks as work may require the use of these resources.

Year Eleven and Twelve

This is a significant phase in the students' learning journey. While attendance at school is always important, we ask that families consider carefully a decision to not send students to school.

Subject teachers will e-mail students to inform them of the lesson content that has been addressed in class. This may also include providing resources used in class where possible. In this correspondence, students will be directed to complete work that will maintain their progression with the class. Students should also ensure they have access to their physical or online textbooks as work directed to students may require the use of these resources.

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Assessment Tasks - Students in Year Eleven and Year Twelve have been informed that the planned Assessment Week in Week Ten will be conducted as a regular teaching week, including in-class assessments and submissions. The timing or due date of these tasks has been determined by the subject teacher and communicated to students.

In relation to scheduled in-class assessments, students electing to self-isolate should still prioritise attendance at school for these periods to complete the assessment task. Submission of at-home tasks should occur at the specified time and date to avoid penalty.

Non-attendance for assessment tasks will require appropriate medical documentation as per the requirements stipulated in the Year Eleven and Year Twelve Assessment Guides available on the Wiki.

We appreciate that families will have many questions and concerns which we will attempt to answer through on-going communication. The College will soon provide additional information on the plan for remote learning, should the Government decide that schools should close for a period of time.

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