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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Further to my previous communications to the community regarding Coronavirus (Covid-19), I write to provide you with the following updates.

Thank you for your support with the measures we have put in place, especially the management of your own sons who may be unwell with colds and coughs. Their return to school only when they are well is certainly assisting our students and staff health. A reminder that, in the case where your son is unwell but can manage to continue his school work, he can access this work through the normal channel of class OneNote. Please continue to stress the importance of hand hygiene which we are also expecting of students within the school. Students are permitted to carry their own small bottle of hand sanitiser.

This morning I met with staff to continue preparation for education continuity in case there is a school shutdown. Staff are continuing to work on this preparation of resources this afternoon and throughout the days and weeks ahead. These resources would only become available should the school need to close and students were unable to attend classes. A further communication will be sent to you with the Education Continuity Plan which would come into effect in a school shutdown.

The message to staff, students and parents is that we will continue with our typical day to day activities as best we can, remaining calm and focused on learning. In my walks through the College today I noted the classes were productive and focused, as they should be. As the health of our students and staff is our number one priority, the following decisions have been made regarding the events listed below. We have also decided to postpone or cancel excursions and incursions as a precautionary measure and, while we are disappointed not to be able to offer such activities we believe it is a necessary precaution. We will judge whether it is possible to reschedule some of them at a later date. Events not proceeding:

- Year 12 Parent Information Evening (this Wednesday – information will be communicated regarding the recording and publishing of this event);
- High Achievers' Lunch;
- Year 9 Social; and,
- Service Learning to Villa Maria and Mary's Mount Catholic Primary School.

The ACC Swimming Carnival has been cancelled by the Associated and Catholic Colleges.

We will communicate further regarding other events that may be affected in time; however, the decision has also been made to postpone our Open Day celebration on Wednesday, 8 April. Larger gatherings like whole school and year assemblies will also be conducted in other ways.

Please be wary of misinformation which may be circulated on social media and I ask that you rely on credible sources from the government. It is important that all families adhere to the restrictions placed on them regarding international travel and self-isolation.

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Let us also consider the most vulnerable in our community. Last Friday's Newsletter highlighted the challenge that St Patrick's Care Centre in Fremantle is facing in relation to food donations. I know the centre would appreciate contributions and we are also working with Catholic and other organisations to provide much needed support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Watson', with a circular mark at the beginning.

**Andrew Watson**  
**Principal**

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