

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today, we reach the end of Term 1 and on Monday the students begin their holiday break. There is one exception to this, the Year 12 students will continue their lessons for Monday-Wednesday before beginning their holidays. Our early information regarding remote online learning shows we have been having a fair amount of success in continuing the academic program for all students. Thank you for feedback which is assisting us to refine and adapt to meet the students' learning needs. We are certainly learning what works and what needs alteration, and will be sending out surveys in the later part of the holidays to parents to refine our approach should we be required to stay with remote learning. Students have been sent a survey today.

➤ **Term 2**

At this stage, no decision has been made by the Government regarding the opening of schools for normal classes at the start of Term Two. Our calendared date for the resumption of online classes would have been Wednesday, 29 April which was to be preceded by the Parent-Student-Teacher Consultation appointments on Tuesday, 28 April. As you can appreciate, we won't be able to run the consultation day, **so students will be back online on Tuesday, 28 April**. Should there be a need to change these arrangements due to government announcements, I will let you know by email and letter.

➤ **Reports and Feedback**

In future communications, I will share with you how we will address handling the usual feedback mechanisms of interim reports and progress discussions with parents and students. As you can appreciate, our total effort in the past few weeks has been focused on transitioning to remote learning.

➤ **Wellbeing**

Accompanying this correspondence, please find attached a new College document called **Growing Student Wellbeing at Home**. We know there is a lot of information available online regarding remote learning and wellbeing. In this context, we have attempted to provide an overview of our current strategies to support wellbeing during remote learning. It contains advice on some common queries and topics we considered most relevant as well as key pastoral contacts in the College. We have embedded links to further resources in the document so please don't forget to click on icons and the light blue bold text to explore them. You'll also find attached, **Feeling and Doing Well at Home**. This is a document we distributed to all students today.

➤ **One-Stop Parent Reference Point**

We have also created a page on the College website to house all our past correspondence; my Coronavirus Parent Communications, the Education Continuity Plan and the Wellbeing Plan. You can access this through the website homepage by clicking on the orange COVID-19 icon at the top of the home page.

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Our students, staff and parents have been remarkable with their response and support of the changes we have had to undertake. It is a testament to the partnership between home and school that we have been able to go so far in such a short period of time. As we move towards Easter and the holiday break, my sincere hope is that you all have time to rest physically and mentally, be with family and friends the best way you can and support those around you who need that extra care.

➤ **Key Points**

Term 1 Concludes: Year 7-11 Friday, 3 April.
Holidays Monday, 6 April–Monday, 27 April

Term 1 Concludes: Year 12 Wednesday, 8 April.
Holidays Thursday 9 April–Monday, 27 April

Term 2 Commences: Tuesday, 28 April (remotely unless otherwise advised)

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries. I will send an Easter message next week and this will also have any further information to share with parents.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Watson
Principal

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