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COVID - 19 Update

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you are having a safe and enjoyable holiday with your families, though very different from what we are all used to.

I am writing to you at this time to let you know about the new arrangements for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children since the Premier and Minister for Education have made their recent announcements.

As we know, these are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently at school over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this has been an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. The State Government has now given parents/carers a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday;
- Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day. There will be no students at school as staff will be using this day for preparation;
- From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for students whose parents/carers choose to send them;
- Students engaging in home supported learning with access to the appropriate technologies will do so through Seesaw;
- Work packages based on the Seesaw home supported learning program will be available for those without the appropriate technology at home;
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program based on the Seesaw home supported learning program developed by staff at the end of Term 1 for all students;
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each week by phone;

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- Parents are asked to drop their child/children at the school gate, please do not enter the school grounds.

As our classrooms are full to maximum capacity when all students are in attendance, we cannot ensure social distancing requirements at all times. Those students who require manual handling and those who are unable to regulate social distancing and behaviour that could cause potential risk to self and others, will be managed according to our Behaviour Education Policy.

Students who are unwell must remain at home. Students who present as unwell at school will be seated outside administration until collected by parent/carer.

Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and hand rails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected.

These arrangements will be in place and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your ongoing support during this extraordinary time.

As you are aware, things have been changing at a rapid rate. We will continue to provide updates they become available.

Regards,

Dean Finlay
Principal