



2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This current holiday period is a very important time to build in rest and relaxation in preparation for the upcoming term and we encourage all students to make sure that they take this opportunity to become refreshed and re-energised.

While these are undoubtedly uncertain times, teachers and learning support staff at the College, as well as wellbeing officers, have all been busily preparing to be able to deliver effective learning remotely if that becomes necessary when school is due to recommence.

For our students undertaking Senior certificates such as VCE and VCAL as well as VET subjects in association with both these pathways, we wish to advise that we have been very closely monitoring the information provided by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority [VCAA] as well as authorised providers and can confirm their direction to us that no student will be disadvantaged as a result of this unexpected and unpredictable health pandemic caused by the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. Exactly what this advice entails we are yet to have explained to us, so we await further direction and will communicate that to you as soon as it becomes available to us.

While this period of uncertainty may understandably be raising individual and family anxiety, we wish to reassure you that at the school level we have plans in place should we need to conduct remote assessment for senior students from the start of next term. These will be provided to you and our students prior to the start of Term 2 on April 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can continue these certificates as effectively as possible in the current circumstances.

In the meantime, we encourage students to check any coursework and holiday tasks published on Canvas, our interactive learning platform and to contact the relevant teachers with any specific enquiries related to that particular subject.

As parents and guardians, we ask that you check to ensure that functioning internet access and connections are in place to enable remote learning to continue for all students at your home when we are directed to move to that form of curriculum delivery.

We ask that you help your daughter or son to have a desk or quiet space where they can work during the day while at home and where any interactive discussions may take place.

Our VCE, VCAL and WAFE Coordinators will be in touch with you and your daughter or son to advise you of specific updates with regard to VCE, VCAL and VET respectively at the earliest opportunity and together we will proceed to continue senior studies to the best of our collective ability.

For all other students in Years 7-10, the school will provide clear directions as to how remote learning is to proceed across the timetabled classes prior to the start of Term 2 to ensure that they, too, are ready to learn from home if that becomes necessary.

In closing I pray that as this challenging time, both the holidays and the upcoming Easter celebration provides you all with time to stay healthy and safe, to reflect and to experience peace and reassurance.

Yours faithfully,



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