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School Closure and Change to End of Term 1 Date

26th March, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In line with Premier Mark McGowan's latest announcement regarding new learning arrangements in Western Australian government schools, parents with children in all Catholic schools in Western Australia should **keep their children at home from the close of school tomorrow (Friday 27 March)**, if at all possible.

This decision has been made to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the Western Australian community and is based on the best national medical advice.

All Catholic schools across the State have response plans which will now be enacted to provide for the continued delivery of education, with varying remote learning programs best suited to different school contexts.

Students Attending School

Schools will remain open to ensure that remote learning takes place, as well as to supervise children of parents currently working in health or essential services. Parents who are currently involved in health or essential services, who require their child to attend school to be supervised in their remote learning, will need to advise the school office by email or phone. If your child will be returning tomorrow, please ensure they bring all items of the Short Term Pack (and laptop if applicable) to school.

School Term Changes

The Premier has further announced that Term 1 for students will now conclude on Friday, 3 April. This has been brought forward by one week.

Short Term and Long Term Plan

Our staff are very committed to ensuring your child is fully supported and provided with a quality Home Learning Program until school resumes again. The technology that our school has invested in, will provide our students excellent opportunities to remain connected to their school, their friends and their teachers during this very challenging time. As per the letter sent home 23/3/20, "Covid-19 Update and Home Learning Plan" (see school website- parent information- Covid-19), students at home should be commencing learning with the Short Term Pack as soon as feasible. The students who are still attending school will be undertaking the same work as those at home.

We will contact parents next week and inform you when your child's Long Term Pack (and iPad or Laptop- Yr1-6 only) can be collected. The Long Term Pack should be used in Term 2, providing our school is still required to be closed.

SERVICE

RESPECT

KINDNESS

LEARNING

This is a difficult time for all in Western Australia and it is normal that your children may be feeling anxious or worried. Our key focus at this time is on the care and wellbeing of all students, staff and families.

As a Catholic community, I encourage you to pray for the health of all in our communities, especially those who are most vulnerable. As always, I ask that you contact me directly if you have any concerns that may relate to your child.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Graves
Principal