



Dear Parents,

I trust that the last couple of weeks has given your family a break from the demands of remote learning and that you have been able to find positive and creative things to do. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with our families who may be struggling financially or emotionally at this particularly trying time. I hope that my previous emails and the information on the [coronavirus briefing page](#), including the FAQs, have kept you informed and helped to answer your questions.

I write to remind you of the arrangements for the beginning of next term and also to share with you our considerations for a safe and orderly return to normal face-to-face learning.

Monday 27/4 will be a day for students to go over work they completed last term and catch up on work they may have missed. On this day we won't be operating according to our published approach to remote learning ([junior](#) and [secondary](#)). Rather, I would appreciate parents guiding their children to go over their notes and other lesson materials for a couple of hours. I appreciate that this is more feasible for some age groups than others.

On **Tuesday 28/4** teachers will leave work which can be accessed via the Junior School Hub, or the applicable Secondary School Google Classroom, for their students to go on with during the day. Students can complete their assigned work at their own pace rather than according to the more structured approach the school introduced in the last couple of weeks of Term 1.

During these 2 days please encourage your children to write down content and concepts covered during Term 1 which they may have struggled to understand. For our youngest students, it would be helpful for their parents to note down any particular areas that their child may have found difficult.

When the remote learning program ([junior](#) and [secondary](#)) recommences on **Wednesday 29/4**, teachers will continue to invest time understanding, and then trying to meet, identified student needs. Our teachers will do their best to help as many students as effectively and quickly as they reasonably can.

On Monday 27/4 and Tuesday 28/4 we would prefer that parents only send their children to school if they are not able to make alternative arrangements to look after them at home. From Wednesday 29/4 the remote learning program will continue. Parents who need to send their children to school, as they did in the final 2 weeks of Term 1, are welcome to do so. These children will be supervised to continue with the online learning program.



When it first became clear that COVID19 was going to have an impact on the operation of the school, I established the following goal:

To continue to provide a quality Christian education for every student in the midst of a pandemic where risks to the health and well-being of all members of our school community are minimised.

To help achieve this goal the school leadership has been guided by the COVID19 [National Principles](#) for School Education. We are also working through government documentation on safe practices at school to reduce the risk of infection.

The NSW Premier recently announced that she would like government schools to have students begin returning in Week 3, gradually increasing attendance to the point where all students would be back at school by the end of Term 2. While independent schools are not obliged to strictly follow the directive to government schools, I do want to be consistent with the spirit of what the Premier is seeking to achieve. In response to the Premier's announcement, our executive team held a lengthy meeting where we discussed what that might look like for our school.

While our executive meeting did come up with some workable ideas on how we can facilitate the return of our much loved students to regular face-to-face lessons, we need more time to work with members of the school community to determine the best way to achieve this.

The school will increase the number of students coming to school from Week 3 i.e. from Monday 11/5. I will write to you again by no later than Thursday 7/5 to let you know our plan. I realise that some parents may appreciate knowing our return to classroom learning plan earlier than this; however, these arrangements are complex and we need the time to consider the best possible approach for our school. Thank you for bearing with us.

Thank you so much for your gracious support of our school as we seek to provide a quality Christian education for every student in the midst of a pandemic where risks to the health and well-being of all members of our school community are minimised.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Kind regards,

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