



Dear Parents,

As I communicated in my email to you yesterday, the NSW Premier has encouraged parents to keep their children at home from today if possible. Our parents can choose to send their children to school or have them learn from home. Students will be completing the same school work, regardless of whether they are supervised at school or at home. My email yesterday gave guidance as to how students can access our online learning programs. I'm confident that the innovative lessons our teachers are preparing will ensure your child continues to receive a quality, caring Christian education.

Based on the comments made by the NSW Premier yesterday, I anticipate that the substantial majority of our students will be at home today. Later today you will receive an SMS absence notification if your child is not present on the school site today. This will be the standard notification that we always send for students who are away.

If you have chosen to keep your child at home as per the Premier's advice, please reply to the SMS with the words *learning from home until Friday*. If you will be sending your child to school on certain days this week and not others, please advise accordingly e.g. *learning from home Tuesday and Friday, coming to school Wednesday and Thursday due to parent work commitments*.

What about next week and beyond?

Secondary School – As mentioned in my email yesterday, students will begin working to a regular timetable from Monday 30/3 regardless of whether they are at school or at home. Students will be completing the same work, at the same time, regardless of where they are physically located. Teachers will be marking the roll at the beginning of every period. We are still working on a way for students who are learning at home to register that they are 'present' at every lesson. I will write to you no later than Friday to advise you of how students can do this. If your child does not register as being present on any given day, we will record this as an absence.

Junior School – Junior School teachers will mark the roll once each morning. By this coming Friday I will advise parents how they can register each day that their child is at home and will be accessing the learning the school is providing. If your child does not register on any given day, the school will record this as an absence.



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How will your son or daughter's absence from school affect their attendance record?

I have not received any advice on how absences from this point forward should be recorded; however, I anticipate that students who are learning from home will not be recorded as absent. When I receive official notice of how to record absences from today onwards I will let parents know.

I am extremely grateful to every parent for their gracious support of our school at this particularly trying time. In my email yesterday I gave guidance on how parents can continue to be in touch with the school. I am looking into providing parents with a simple, easily accessible FAQs page based on the questions and concerns our much valued parents raise.

Kind regards,

Mr Brett Hartley
Principal