



27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your understanding and support as we all navigate the dynamic environment we currently are experiencing.

In response to feedback from parents, I have provided some clarifying points regarding the communication: "End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2 arrangements," issued yesterday to all families:

- **School Communication COVID-19:** Our school position is governed by Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office directives which, are informed by Federal and State announcements.
  - Students are not required to attend school next week on Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April.
    - This has been allocated to help staff prepare for remote delivery of teaching and learning should learning from home be enforced in Term 2.
    - Home learning experiences will not be provided by teachers in this time.
  - Friday 3rd April is a pre-arranged Pupil Free Day, school is closed to all students.
- **Essential workers:** Essential workers are all workers who are required to attend their place of work to carry out duty. The term is not limited to emergency services and health workers. If one parent is at home (working or not) or another adult family member is available, students should be at home.
- **Supervision while at school:** Supervision of students is based around independent / group activities.
  - Normal learning experiences will not be provided by the teacher
  - Normal school uniform to be worn
- **Online schooling scam:** We have been alerted to a phone scam in which parents receive a recorded message purporting to be from schools and telling them they have to pay to sign up to the online learning platform. They are then asked for bank account details so their child can access the platform from next week. This is a hoax, do not engage in this communication.

I thank you for your ongoing support of each other, the school and your children during these trying times. It is difficult to navigate the unknowns that lay before us. But together, we can contribute what we can to help the broader community overcome the further spread of COVID-19.

Keep safe and look out for each other.

Kind regards,

Mr Chris Bartlett

Principal