



26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2 Arrangements**

#### **End of Term 1**

As a result of the evolving COVID-19 situation, today the Queensland Government has advised that next week Queensland schools will be student free. While students are not required to attend school next week, the school will provide supervision for students, from Monday to Thursday, where their parents are required to attend work and for vulnerable students (e.g. those living in out-of-home care). Schools will not be providing supervision for students on Friday of next week.

To assist with planning for the provision of supervision from Monday to Thursday next week it would be helpful to know the approximate numbers of students who may be attending.

**Could you please email the school: [materdei@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:materdei@twb.catholic.edu.au) before 3:00pm Friday, 27th March 2020 to advise if your child/ren will be attending on these days next week.**

The change to the end of Term 1 arrangements is designed to help our staff and school prepare for the remote delivery of teaching and learning in Term 2. Should this eventuate, it would involve learning at home for many families.

I want to thank our dedicated staff for their continued support of our students during this very challenging time. Their wellbeing is also a key factor in our planning and preparation.

#### **Term 2 Arrangements**

As the Premier advised, the precise arrangements for Week 1 of Term 2 will be advised closer to that time and will be guided by the advice of health authorities.

Consistent with the Premier and Prime Minister's recent announcements about the need to provide appropriate social distancing at schools, we anticipate that parents who can support learning at home will be asked to keep their children at home from Week 1 of Term 2.

It is also likely that schools will need to remain operational at the start of Term 2 for those parents who need to send their children due to work commitments (unless their child is sick) or because the student is vulnerable (such as those living out of home). As a school, we are committed to supporting our essential workers at this challenging time.

We will confirm the specific arrangements for Term 2 as soon as we are able to.

**However, to assist with our initial Term 2 planning, please advise the school by email: [materdei@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:materdei@twb.catholic.edu.au) no later than 3:00pm, Thursday, 9th April if you anticipate that you will need to send your child/ren to school from week 1 of Term 2.**

This will assist us to make appropriate arrangements to plan for students who may need to attend school.

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### **Student Wellbeing and pastoral care**

We know this is an unsettling time for the whole community and it is important that as a school community and as families we provide reassurance for our students and keep their lives as normal as possible.

Students will be supported with their learning as much as possible whilst working from home. Teachers will continue to be available should you have questions about the any aspect of this.

### **Tuition fees**

We acknowledge the difficult economic circumstances many families now find themselves in and we would encourage any family facing difficulty with tuition fees to discuss this with the principal. We remain committed to providing an education to all students through these difficult times.

As the school will continue to operate and our staff will keep working to provide continuity of teaching and learning, including under learning at home arrangements, tuition fees will continue to be charged. Special provisions will be available to families experiencing financial difficulties relating to COVID-19.

### **School Communications**

Although we are likely to commence under new arrangements in Term 2, we will continue to communicate with you through the normal school channels whenever new information is available.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick and the vulnerable at this time and also with the frontline health and emergency services workers bringing care and healing to those affected by the virus.

I know this will be a difficult time for our whole community and I thank you in advance for your support for our students and staff and your understanding as we go forward.

Kind Regards,

Chris Bartlett  
Principal

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