



Under the Stewardship of Mary Aikenhead Ministries

23 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Today has seen us called to citizenship like in no other times in our lives, and potentially in the history of our country. Our commitment to the common wealth of Australia is now being tested in even the most private domains of our lives; in the daily decisions we are making and in our generous and respectful care of each other. The announcement today from our Premier, Gladys Berejikian, has asked that parents now only send their children to school if there is no practical alternative and that schools operate from one learning platform. For us this will mean moving to an agile environment that will start with Google.Classroom and then incrementally moving to Google.Meet. As we access the level of staff availability we will publish a schedule of whether the use of Google.Meet will be used for whole subject groups, or individual classes. We are also looking at the proportionality of Google.Meet time according to the Year level and subject.

### For your immediate planning

- Tuesday 24 – “Pressing Domestic Necessity” \*
- Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 – Google.Classroom
- Week starting Monday 30 - Google.Meet will be introduced
- Term 1 Holidays - Thursday 9 April to Friday 24 April and commencement of school Tuesday 28 April (unless advised otherwise)

#### \*Pressing Domestic Necessity

I believe every staff member and student will require significant time to begin to process the new reality we are living in. I am suggesting this is a day for mindfulness, gratitude and preparation of the family home so it can operate as a classroom or work-space. No supervision will be provided on Tuesday 24 March.

**From Wednesday 25 March through to Wednesday 8 April the College will be open** and your daughters can be supervised while they access their Agile Learning environment. **There will be no face to face teaching.** Please be aware the College will be zoned to minimize social contact during the remaining weeks of Term 1 to safely accommodate students and staff within the new density guidelines. During this time there will be no Canteen facility operating and our current protocols of



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hand sanitization, zero tolerance to sick staff and students attending school will continue.

**Parents are asked to advise the College by 8.30am on Wednesday, if their daughter will be on campus.**

On the burning issue of Assessments, I believe NESA are convening tomorrow evening to make further decisions. At a school level, all Term 1 Assessments remaining are being re-designed to allow for on-line submission. If there are Assessments that cannot be re-designed they will be re-scheduled. Your daughter's classroom teachers will communicate the particulars of this through Google Classroom.

Unfortunately just as the whole world becomes more dependent than ever on virtual spaces, please remind your daughters that there are a few disordered minds out there who might seek to take advantage of the increased time young people are on-line. Please re-iterate all the common sense principles of cyber safety and I enclose this link for your consideration.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/blog/covid-19-keeping-schools-and-learning-safe-online>

As you make all the multiple, conflicting, and unprecedented decisions you are now making for your family, may you come to fully understand that in these circumstances love is always a better guide than fear.

The girls left the campus today humming "Always look on the bright side of life ..". I hope you can make this your family anthem.

Yours sincerely

Anne Fry  
Principal



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**FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO ATTEND, SCHOOL WILL WORK IN ZONES  
TO TRY TO MINIMISE SOCIAL CONTACT**

**YEARS 7 AND 8                      TARMONS                      Rockwall Cres Entry**

Toilets on Level 5 and 6

Recreation Caritas Christi Courtyard

**YEARS 9 AND 10                      GARCIA                      Challis Ave Entry**

External Toilets

Recreation grass areas adjacent building

**YEARS 11 AND 12                      VINCENTIA AND LIBRARY                      Victoria St Entry**

Toilets on Level 4

Recreation Deck and lower paved area