



ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

A Catholic School for boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Good afternoon parents and care givers,

I write this email to inform you of a plan to support learning from home for Primary students in situations that parents keep boys at home to self-isolate or just to minimize the chances of exposure to the COVID-19 Virus.

From 8:00am tomorrow morning, a "Working From Home Summary Sheet" will be provided outlining a plan of activities and resources for student learning to continue from home on a weekly basis. This will be emailed to parents and students each week and be consistent across both year levels to assist parents and other care providers in following a simple document. For parents with boys already away, this document will provide details that you might have requested from class teachers directly and can be used as a guide from tomorrow going forward.

Please understand that it is not a full remote teaching and learning program to replace a face to face experience. It is a modified program, designed to provide students with skill based tasks to maintain some continuity of learning, supported by staff created resources and familiar online platforms used regularly in classrooms already. The summary sheet will guide students to resources and activities that are already used in the Primary classrooms, making supervision and support as simple as possible for parents or other care providers.

The activities will require students to be self-directed and it also allows them to complete the activities at times that work in with the care arrangements available to them.

We are also preparing additional resources to support and guide student learning should the current situation change further. These additional resources and a more developed implementation strategy will be communicated to families should it be required in the future.

It is important for parents to understand that while the College remains open, staff are still delivering lessons and providing care to students on-site. It can be difficult for them to maintain communication and additional lesson preparation for those not at school in addition to those responsibilities. The "Working From Home Summary Sheets" will allow boys not at school to be guided through a series of activities, continue to practice core skills and still allow time for staff to run classrooms here at school.

Please be aware that we will make decisions around assessment etc. depending on the developing situation. We are prepared and organised to support the boys working from home in a modified capacity now and we will continue to develop plans that are manageable, achievable and logistically possible for most families and staff. If additional support plans are required, they will be communicated as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support and understanding thus far. We understand that it is a difficult situation for some families and we will endeavour to support the boys' learning as best as we can in partnership with parents and other care providers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Wigan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Cameron Wigan
Head of Primary