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Good Afternoon St. Michael's Community,

We appreciate that this is a time of much uncertainty and a time of heightened emotions. We also appreciate that every member of our community has a different perspective on what should occur with schools and we appreciate that individual family situations need to be considered and we are very supportive of families making their own choices based on their own circumstances.

In response to large number of families choosing to stay at home – the College will be offering the following to those parents who are currently choosing to self-isolate and learn from home:

- online learning for students who have decided to isolate.
- Chromebooks for students in Years 2 - 6 to complete online learning.
- online learning for Prep - Year 1, via a home device and internet.
- learning packages for our Prep - Year 6 students to support learning from home.

These items can be collected from the classrooms this afternoon (March 24) after 3:00pm - 3:30pm and tomorrow (March 25), 3:00pm - 3:30pm from your child's classroom. Chromebooks will only be distributed to an adult.

If you are choosing to keep your child at school, your child will be issued their associated learning pack from their prospective class teacher on their last day of school. Please keep in mind that we still have a large number of students who are attending the College. The online learning component that is currently being offered before the school Easter break, is designed to cater for our students to complete across a whole school day, as we are currently running the online learning in line with our current school day, so as not to double the workload of our teachers. We understand that this may appear overwhelming for parents and caregivers who need to navigate between two or three students. Please keep in close contact with your Class Teacher if you have questions.

We also request that parents and caregivers monitor the use of our resources and Chromebooks and ensure that our students only use their Chromebooks for online learning. We ask that you keep the Chromebooks safe and secure during times that they are not accessing the virtual classroom environment.

Can we also request that parents be aware that this is the first time in our College's history that we have provided this level of online/at home learning. There will be mistakes, technical issues and general difficulties. I ask that families show our values 'respect, care, compassion, and cooperation' as they work with the Class Teachers/Assistants during the next few days, weeks and months.

Parents are also reminded that learning at home does not look the same as learning in a classroom.



The College will keep you updated and informed as directives and guidelines change around COVID 19.

Your Class Teacher will be sending an email home with their classroom expectations for learning.

If you choose to keep your child home, please let your child's class teacher know and contact the absence line to let us know of your intentions.

Thank you for your patience, whilst we navigate through this together.

Kind regards,
Mr Chris Allom