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*From the Office of the Principal*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My first communication with you regarding COVID-19 was on 6 March, exactly four weeks to the day. Since then, you have received another 12 communications from the College covering issues such as preventative measures to curb the spread of the virus, event cancellations, postponements and learning from home.

These are most certainly unprecedented times and as we enter one of the most sacred times in our Church commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus, I encourage you to pray for those in need and give thanks for our blessings.

I give thanks to:

- The leadership team, who I have relied on for clarity and judgement through uncharted waters.
- The communications teams and my assistant who have been relentless in ensuring that communication with the community is timely, regular and informative.
- Teaching staff for the way they have risen to the challenge of learning from home for our students, not only in teaching and learning, but in the way they are catered for the continuation of pastoral care of students learning from home.
- Support staff who have been collating packs for mailing and collection for our Learning Enhancement students and those that don't have internet connection at their home.
- The ICT and eLearning teams who have been supporting and upskilling our staff for the seamless transition to learning from home.
- Wellbeing, pastoral care and learning enhancement staff who have identified students who require extra support and have different needs during this time.
- EAL staff who have organised translation of our communications for parents/guardians who don't speak English.
- Staff with cocurricular/specialised roles who have demonstrated flexibility in undertaking redeployment of duties.
- Library staff who have ensured to provide resources for students learning from home.
- Frontline reception staff who have responded to so many unprecedented enquiries in challenging circumstances.
- Finance staff for the compassion they are showing for those parents that are in need of assistance.
- The cleaners and auxiliary staff who have put in place extra cleaning measures to keep our College as safe as possible and open to our community.
- Parents/guardians and the College community for their patience and for providing feedback of gratitude.
- Our students for the way they have taken on the challenges thrust upon them.



In this sacred time we pray for:

- Those who are directly affected by the virus and are ill.
- Frontline carers, doctors, nurses and all hospital staff.
- The carers in the community that look after the elderly who feel especially vulnerable at this time.
- The essential workers that continue their jobs and provide some normality in our lives.
- The leaders in our nation and community who have to make the most difficult decisions.
- All members of the community stay safe and connected as they embark on the challenges of this isolation period.

Now is the time to be selfless, and over the past month I have witnessed so many generous acts within our community, which certainly makes me proud to identify as the Principal of St Patrick's College.

There will be an endpoint to this and we will emerge from the other side stronger and more agile to adapt to challenges we may face in the future.

I will be in touch prior to the commencement of Term 2 to inform parents/guardians of any developments as required.

God Bless and stay safe.



**Mr Tony Daley**  
Principal

