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Dear Parents/Caregivers

After a few days back at school our staff has had the opportunity to carefully consider how we can most efficiently and effectively manage teaching and learning for at least the near future. We all agree that continuity and certainty are of huge benefit for our whole school community, while also understanding that we may need to respond to a changing situation at short notice. Therefore we have decided the below is the optimum way for us to proceed.

In the event that the majority of students are attending school, which is currently the case, we will employ predominantly face-to-face teaching methods. These will be supplemented by a committed online presence for all classes, where all resources, formative and summative assessment tasks are posted, with clear instructions for any students who are not at school. Naturally, it is expected that students will follow these instructions carefully, and engage proactively with their learning and teachers.

We acknowledge that those students attending school will undertake a wider range of learning experiences than those learning from home; however, we will ensure, through appropriate assessment processes, that these additional experiences do not adversely affect records of achievement for students who are offsite. Where possible, any enrichment experiences, e.g. science practical demonstrations, will be recorded and posted electronically to enable access for those learning from home.

Currently, we have two teachers working from home. Their classes are supervised at school while the teachers operate remotely. Students who are learning from home are also able to engage in these classes electronically. This will also be the case should any other teachers need to work from home at any stage.

To compensate for the cancellation of Parent/Teacher Interviews, and to assist parents/caregivers who are supervising learning from home, Progress Checks will be published fortnightly this term. These can be accessed through the Parent Portal on Sentral and we will alert you when they are available via the usual means.

Should circumstances change – for example, a school closure occurs or student attendance reduces significantly – our staff are ready to move immediately to our <u>Dispersed Learning Protocol</u> for whatever length of time is necessary.

We will continue to communicate with you all as frequently as necessary to ensure you are as up-to-date as possible, but please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions at all. These circumstances have been a challenge for all of us — and continue to be so — so it is especially lovely that we are currently in a spot where so many students are back at school and we can feel a little bit "normal".

Keep well.

Principal

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