



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re: Additional Student Free Days for on-line preparation**

We are indeed in an ever-changing landscape as we work to support each other during the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The State Government is moving towards the next step in dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic, students learning from home. Exactly what this means is still unclear, but we need to be prepared for a situation where students learn from home.

Our outstanding staff at the College are currently preparing learning that can be accessed by our students on-line or through other alternative options that are available to us.

***Minister James Merlino has declared this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the first Tuesday of Term Two, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to be student free days.*** This time will allow our teachers and support staff to continue preparations for remote learning. We apologise for this short notice to prepare for childcare and necessary supervision arrangements.

These additional closure days are to ensure our teachers can both teach and prepare for an impending closure. This will provide an opportunity for our staff to prepare and consolidate learning activities that will cater for our students when they are learning from home.

We have a responsibility to follow the State guidelines and close the College to students, on the two specified days, as set out above. We will continue to take direction and advice from Catholic Education Sandhurst, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Department of Health.

Please walk gently, speak softly and take care of each other during these unprecedented times.

With Peace and goodwill,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Carver", is placed on a light grey rectangular background.

**Matt Carver**  
**Principal**