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11th April 2020

Family Update – On-site attendance application form attached

As you are aware the situation with the coronavirus continues to evolve. Please note that the directive from the Chief Health Officer and the Education Department is that **all students who can learn at home must learn at home.** **All students will be learning from home in Term 2, except for children on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and it is deemed through the Department of Education and Training (DET) application process that no other arrangements can be made.**

This is not an action being taken lightly. It is a necessary action due to Victoria being in a state of emergency. I understand it may cause you and your family concern and stress. This step is being taken by DET to slow the spread of the virus and ensure the health and safety of all Victorians.

Attached to this Compass notification is an application form for on-site attendance. If you feel you have grounds to request your child attend school, you must complete and return the attached application. This application will be reviewed and you will be informed if your application has been successful or otherwise. **No child is permitted to be on the school grounds without the approval, by the Campus Principal, of an official application.**

Applications forms will be distributed weekly by Compass and must be submitted weekly by Thursday for approval for attendance the following week. If you are intending to submit an application for your child to attend school next week, commencing on Wednesday April 15th, **you must submit your application by Monday April 13th.** Please follow the email instructions on the form.

Students who have approval to attend on-site will only be permitted to enter the school buildings if they are in good health. Parents will be required to take any student who is unwell home immediately. The following protocols will apply:

- Parents and carers will not be permitted to enter the school building. Parents wishing to contact the school should do so by phone or email.
- Students with approval to be at school must attend in full school uniform.
- Social distancing of at least 1.5 m will be maintained at all times.
- Students will be supervised by a teacher. This teacher is unlikely to be the student's usual teacher.
- Students will study the same work as students who are studying remotely.

Most teachers and support staff will also be working from home. All of them have been working hard to put learning plans in place to ensure continuity of learning and to support the wellbeing of all our students. Students who do not have a computer at home may come to either the McGuire Campus or Wanganui Campus to borrow one, free of charge, on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th or Friday 17th April. The education department is arranging for students without internet access to be provided. We will keep you informed as we know more details about this.

From Monday 20th April, all students (Years 7-12) who need to attend on-site, will be accommodated at the Wanganui Campus and the other campuses will be closed. This measure has been put in place to reduce the number of teachers and education support staff required to the increased personal risk of working on-site. Bus transport is being arranged for students who need to attend on-site.

Thank you for your support in this very challenging situation. It is most important that we work closely together to ensure the well-being of students and families, as well as of our dedicated school staff.

As new information is available I will continue to keep you updated via Compass.

Kind regards



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Executive Principal



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