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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support as the school implements mandated requirements from the NSW Department of Education. I can reassure you that we have not received any confirmed reports of COVID-19 in our school and we have protocols for reporting any cases to the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health. We are doing our best to keep the learning community calm with teaching and learning activities continuing as per any normal day.

School is open however, this morning, the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, held a press conference and has suggested that parents / carers keep their children at home.

Our school has been preparing continuous learning for students while working remotely from home. During this time, we ask for your assistance in establishing routines and expectations for your child and use the suggested weekly timetable provided by our school to continue with their school work, from the first day at home. It is important to maintain normal bedtime routines for your child and regular breaks for morning tea and lunch.

Additionally, The NSW Department of Education has launched a 'Learning from Home' hub on the department's website which provides information and resources for teachers and parents to support students learning from home. Teaching strategies and resources, learning sequences, student workbooks and materials are being regularly added to the page for students.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home>

In the meantime, any new information will be posted on the school app. This is the best option as you will get a notification everytime we add new information. We will continue to add information to our website but Schoolzine will be the most current link. Please ensure you have joined Schoolzine by following the information on the back of this note.

Our teachers will be communicating online using Google Classroom throughout the school day but may not be able to respond immediately to students at home. They will communicate with students between 9am and 3pm. We would like our students to check in with their teacher and share their learning.

It is important to note that this is not a time for students to be at shopping centres, watching television, playing video games, riding bikes and playing with their friends in local parks during our regular school hours. This will not help students and disrupt their normal learning routines. Covid-19 is serious and limiting contact by social distance is advised by the Department of Health.

Our school will continue classes for those parents (eg. Essential Services personnel) who send their child to school but there may be a number of staff changes due to teachers own individual circumstances.

Consistent with current guidelines, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice, if any student becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines. Parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child from school.

At 2pm today there was a video conference with Mark Scott that provided further information regarding work that will be provided from tomorrow.

John Massard
Principal