



3rd April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Term 1 2020 has been extraordinary in many ways. Who would have thought at the start of the school year, terms such as 'social distancing', 'remote learning' and 'pandemic' would become common language? The changes we have seen in our society over the last months have been significant with all of us having to adapt with the ever-changing circumstances of our Nation's coronavirus response. We are fully aware that many of our families are under increasing pressure as businesses close and the restrictions to keep us all safe are implemented.

The uncertainty of what Term 2 may bring for learning at St Joseph's College sees us needing to be more adaptable and resilient than ever. In saying that, there is no doubt that St Joseph's College as a community has been adaptable and resilient as each day unfolds.

I would like to express my gratitude to all in our community for the way you have responded as the circumstances evolve on an almost daily basis. From students to parents to staff, all at St Joseph's College have shown patience, innovation and determination as we respond to advice on keeping safe and continuing learning for our students.

As a school, we have endeavoured to keep our community informed as best as possible through the platforms available. We will continue to use broadcasts, email, text messages and Facebook to provide up-to-date information to our community so please keep a lookout for future updates.

What Term 2 looks like for all schools will be determined by national and state health advice and informed by the status of our nation's response to COVID-19. What I can say is that we are well positioned to support our students. In the event of remote learning, we don't expect our parents to be replacement teachers. All we ask is that you keep supporting your child and keep communication lines open with teachers.

Finally, I would like to highlight a quote that I recently came across;

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

I hope that in these difficult times we do find opportunity. Opportunity to try different ways of learning. Opportunity to support those around us who may need a helping hand. Opportunity to appreciate what we have and to rise above the challenges that we face.

I wish all in our school community a safe, healthy and Holy Easter as we navigate the challenges of the coming weeks.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kort Goodman'.

Kort Goodman
College Principal

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best future, *together.*

