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Dear Parents and Carers

On Tuesday I sent you a letter confirming that from next Monday the 11 May 2020, students in Year 11 and 12 will return to on-site learning at St Joseph's College. Students who are vulnerable or whose parents are essential workers will also be able to attend school as per current arrangements. All other students in Years 7 to 10 will continue with learning online at home. Today I would like to share with you further information regarding supervision, curriculum delivery, expectations and on-site health and safety measures that will be implemented from next week.

### **Supervision and Curriculum Delivery**

If parents choose to keep their Year 11 or 12 student at home to participate in learning at home, the student will be counted as attending school. It is essential that parents/carers continue to advise the College of any absence. Furthermore, in these cases where students in Years 11 or 12 remain at home, the classroom teacher is not responsible for providing an alternative home-based learning program for students. The classroom teacher will continue to use our CANVAS learning management system as part of their teaching and learning tools. However, the volume and detail of the information in Year 11 and 12 courses may not be as comprehensive. If parents of these children contact the school, their teacher maybe able to discuss with them ways they can best support their child at home.

Students in Years 7 to 10 will continue to learn at home or if attending the College, using lessons accessed through CANVAS and with teachers conducting Teams meetings where appropriate.

### **Expectations**

All students who attend St Joseph's College are expected to demonstrate our College values of Respect, Endeavour, Compassion and Dignity by doing the following.

**Striving to achieve to the best of our ability:** It is expected that all students will give every activity that they participate in their best effort.

**Attendance and Punctuality:** It is expected that all students are punctual to school and their classes and that they attend school as much as possible.

**Class Preparation:** It is expected that all students have the required materials for classes each day.

**Appropriate Manners:** It is expected that parents impress upon their children the importance of using manners. We are a community that greatly values respectful relationships and interactions. Good manners need to be taught and they are vital skills that our students and your children should develop. It is in the family home and at school that children need to learn to be considerate, tolerant and respectful.

**Safe Behaviours:** It is expected that our students understand that it is not appropriate to use foul language, intimidate or bully others or to be aggressive and/or argumentative when corrected for inappropriate behaviour. Inappropriate behaviours will not be tolerated at our College.

**Uniform Requirements:** It is expected that students arrive and depart the College each day in the appropriate College academic uniform worn neatly and with pride. Whilst off campus, students are expected to wear the College uniform to the same standard as expected on campus. Expectations regarding hair, jewellery, nails and cosmetics remain as per the expectations prior to the break.

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- Hair must be neat, tidy and clean and kept off the face. If hair needs to be pinned off the face, bobby pins or plain black or brown combs are permitted. Hairstyles must allow for the correct wearing of the College hat. Hairstyles and colour for all students need to be conservative and of one even, natural colour. The use of hair products such as gel, wax or mousse must be minimal. Students with hair touching or below the collar must be tied back with black or brown bands. Navy, purple or gold ribbons are permitted. No shaved styles.
- Cosmetics – minimal cosmetics are to be worn.
- Nails – No nail polish, nail accessories or fake nails are to be worn.
- Jewellery – Students are permitted to wear a plain watch, a small religious symbol worn as a necklace on the inside of the shirt/dress/blouse and one pair of unobtrusive studs or sleepers worn in the lower ear lobe only. No other piercing is permitted.
- Tattoos are considered inappropriate in the school environment.
- Senior jerseys are only to be worn on a Friday.
- All students are to either have the appropriate College hat or be on the waiting list with the uniform shop as this has been transitioned in over the last 24 months (Girls – navy Panama hat / Boys – College Akubra style hat).

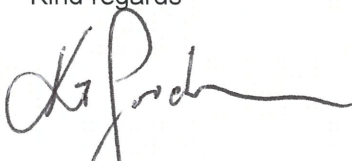
In response to the stress and financial hardship that has eventuated as a result of COVID-19 the College has made the decision to allow students some flexibility in the wearing of the summer and winter uniform for the remainder of 2020. Students are permitted to wear either their summer or winter uniform and the requirement for students in Years 7,8 and 9 to have a blazer for this winter has been delayed until 2021. Students are also able to wear their College spray jacket for the remainder of 2020 when required.

#### **Health and Safety Measures**

With an increased number of students attending school we will continue to implement strict hygiene measures such as regular handwashing/sanitising, and increased cleaning of school classrooms, particularly high frequency touch points. St Joseph's College encourages students to bring water bottles for personal use. While physical distancing measures remain an important consideration for schools to reduce transmission and should occur where practicable, it is not required during classroom activities. St Joseph's College is implementing a range of strategies to decrease contact between students, to minimise gathering points and to maximise airflow in teaching and learning spaces. Until further notice St Joseph's College will not be conducting full College assemblies, interschool activities, camps, excursions, sports, swimming or arts events. As previously advised unwell students are not to attend the school site and the school must ask parents/carers to collect their child from school if they are unwell.

Once again, I would like to thank our community for your continued support. As always I encourage parents to make contact with the College if they have any queries regarding next week or the expectations of students as they return.

Kind regards



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**College Principal**

