



26th March 2020

To our St Mary's Community,

Update on Coronavirus (COVID – 19) Preparedness

By now you will be aware of the Premier's announcement that Queensland schools will be 'student-free' next week. Following this announcement, Executive Director Mr Bill Dixon, wrote to parents regarding three important developments in our schools:

- 1. Tuition fee relief measures for Term 2**
- 2. Arrangements for Pupil Free Days for next week**
- 3. QCAA changes to year 12 assessments in 2020**

Please take the time to read Mr Dixon's letter. In this context, I write my letter to bring you up to date with St Mary's plans for next week.

- 1. Student Free Week (Week 10, Term 1)** – Next week will provide teachers with valuable time to prepare for continuity of learning, ahead of Term 2. Please know that students are not in remote learning mode next week. We will, however, still engage with students on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd via Canvas (see #3).
- 2. Supervision if required** – As per State Government directions, St Mary's will provide supervision for students of families who require this support. Supervision will be from 8:30am to 3:15pm (except for Friday 3rd April – 8:30am-1pm). Students are to report to Student Reception in the morning. Please be aware that the Tuckshop will be closed next week. Parents do not need to notify the College regarding student absence.
- 3. Student involvement next week** – Teachers will engage with students across Wednesday and Thursday:
 - **Wednesday 'Canvas Check-in'**: All students will be required to access a Canvas Zoom Session at 9am. They will receive an invite from their Pastoral Mentor. Students will be led through a 'Canvas Check-in' process. We anticipate this process will take approximately 45 minutes.
 - **Thursday 'Canvas Subject Introductions'**: Students will be required to access Canvas Zoom Sessions by following their Monday Timetable, adhering to lesson times. They will receive an invite from each teacher for all six lessons for the day. Whilst these are not teaching lessons, they will allow for teacher-student check in and an opportunity to establish class-specific online expectations. We recommend students wear their sport shirt when online.

4. By the end of next week, families will receive more explicit instructions for continuity of learning in preparation for a potential move to remote learning.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience. These are challenging times for us all, and I want you to know that St Mary's is committed to supporting our families as best we can.

God Bless



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