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School Note Important Information for Parents and Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

Extension of Term 2 School Holidays

As announced on Tuesday 7 July 2020, the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews in line with advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, announced that metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will return to Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions from 11.59pm on Wednesday 8 July 2020.

In regards to schools, the Premier announced for Year 11 and Year 12 students and students attending Special Schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, students will go back to school for Term 3 as planned on Monday 13 July 2020.

As the Victorian Government navigates with Health Experts on what is the safest path to take with regards to students in Grade Prep to Year 10, the Term 2 school holidays will be extended by one week. **There will now be 5 'pupil free days' from Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July inclusive**. The pupil free days will enable staff to prepare and get organised should remote learning be implemented.

OSHClub are also preparing for these changes and working with our school to provide suitable care options to those children and families that will require it.

The School Canteen will remain closed in Term 3 until further notice.

I appreciate the heightened levels of concern and anxiety regarding the many impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and the implementation of the Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions. These thoughts and feelings are normal and understandable. Please take care, stay safe, remember to keep those who are struggling in your prayers and I encourage you to please try and enjoy the remainder of the holidays with your children.

As further updates from the Victorian Premier and Catholic Education Melbourne come to hand, I will continue to keep you updated. It will be very important to keep an eye on your email and the SkoolBag App during this time.

Kind regards

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