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Coronavirus Stage 3 Onsite Learning

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To: All Families

From: John Rudd | Principal

Subject: **Stage 3 Onsite Learning**

Dear Families

Stage 3 Onsite Learning

As you are aware the school is offering onsite supervision for children who fit very specific criteria determined by the Victorian Government and by The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV). The school has been given clear and strict instructions around what this supervision looks like in order to keep both staff and students safe at school during the COVID-19 pandemic that we are enduring.

I need to be very clear that the school is operating on a skeleton staff basis and the learning program delivered onsite is the same as the learning program delivered to students at home undertaking remote learning.

Students learning onsite will be supervised by school staff onsite but follow the teaching and learning program provided by their classroom teacher.

It is important that families understand that the strict physical social distancing measures that are in place to keep students and teachers safe, means that teachers cannot teach or support students in the same way they would in normal circumstances. Further, these physical restrictions prevent staff from being able to offer the level of support that would be offered by families at home where physical distancing measures are not required.

It has been suggested to me by some parents that their children are "better off" onsite during this period of remote learning. I would argue that for the vast majority of children this is not true as the teachers and staff onsite are restricted by the measures and protocols in place to keep us safe. These restrictions designed to keep us safe also restrict our ability to support the learning of onsite students.

The school is committed to provide a safe environment for both children and staff. This is and remains our number one priority. We will continue to offer our onsite supervision program for those children who require it, however I ask families to understand the limitations of supervision as opposed to teaching in our current situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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