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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we face an extended lockdown for the remainder of Term Three, our leadership team is incredibly mindful of maintaining wellbeing and engagement for our entire school community.

We are hearing many stories of the difficulties families and our students are facing throughout this period of time. We are increasingly noticing that students are losing engagement with the learning that is being provided, particularly in regards to our Specialist subject areas (Languages / Music / PE / STEAM).

We are also mindful of the incredible work our teachers are doing, recognising that they too are also juggling having their own children / family members at home to care for at this time.

In order to support our school community in the remaining weeks of the school term, we will be making the following changes to our Off Campus Learning provisions.

Wednesday Sport

All grades (P - 6) would normally participate in 60 - 90minutes of Sport when on campus. We will be adding this to our Weekly Overviews from Week Seven, along with some ideas for students to do at this time. This will focus predominantly on being 'off screen' and will also include wellbeing activities. A stage based matrix will be provided by our Sports Coordinator, Mr Tim Vernon, for families to refer to.



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Mandatory vs Optional tasks

Teachers will now highlight a mandatory activity for different learning areas, with an expectation that students must complete these tasks by the conclusion of the week. This is a change from daily activities requiring completion, within the given day. One mandatory task will be allocated per week for: Literacy, Numeracy, Unit of Inquiry and two Specialist areas.

Teachers will review these tasks as a priority and timely, intentional feedback will be provided as appropriate.

We will continue to provide a range of authentic learning experiences within all subject areas, however, their completion is at the discretion of your family, enabling flexibility of choice for what is manageable. You may choose for your child to complete all tasks, or you may choose to complete only specific tasks. You are more than welcome to communicate this decision with your child's teacher, however, please note this is not an expectation.

Teachers will review all submitted activities, however, will only provide feedback for misconception or misunderstanding.

Assessment and Reporting

We are currently considering what is feasible in relation to assessment and reporting for this period of time. It is our ideal that families continue to receive a Semester Two report at the end of the year, however, acknowledge that this may look different to what was presented in Semester One.

For this reason from Week Seven onwards, please make the completion of mandatory tasks a priority for your child, ensuring as much as possible that the work submitted is that of your child. By all means, if your child is struggling, please make contact with their teacher via email to let them know.

Please be assured that the same volume of high quality, off campus learning experiences will continue to be maintained and delivered by our teachers. Zoom daily meetings will continue to occur, as will access to the classroom teacher via email. It is our desire that these changes support your family in making balanced decisions.

May I encourage you to contact your child's teacher should you require any further assistance or support at this time.

Kind regards,

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