



## CATHEDRAL COLLEGE WANGARATTA

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Sunday March 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are certainly living through some extraordinary times. The COVID-19 health crisis is evolving hour by hour. The school's executive team is meeting regularly, and we are in constant communication with government departments, the ASC and Independent Schools Victoria. As of the time I write this correspondence to you, Sunday March 4.30pm, I note the latest information from the Prime Minister of Australia.

***'Schools and Universities will remain open for the time being, with that being one of the key issues that the new national cabinet will consider when it meets on Tuesday night.'***

As a result of this, we are taking pre-emptive measures to ensure that our students are supported in the event they need to continue their learning from home.

Please find below a brief summary of the information we will present to our students in order to prepare them for the possibility of our school's closure due to measures to contain COVID-19. We acknowledge that we may be placed in a situation where we will have to transition from onsite to online teaching and learning if directed to do so. This may be in the coming days or weeks. We will provide very clear guidelines for staff and students as to what will be expected if/when our school is directed to close. Heads of School and Teaching and Learning Leaders are already preparing for this possibility. We are fortunate at Cathedral College to have resources in place to quickly move our curriculum from the classroom to an online teaching and learning environment.

Tomorrow, Monday March 16, we will meet with all staff and students to discuss the possibility of school closure and what that means. Students will complete surveys in homeroom so we can gauge how many students currently have access to a device and the internet. This is so we can ascertain how many students may need access to a school device. A discussion regarding how to prepare to complete work from home will be had, as well as reminders about hygiene. We will also take this opportunity to reassure our students who we understand may be feeling overwhelmed or concerned. We will reinforce that all the measures taken thus far are precautionary.

It is during challenging times such as these that the true character of a community comes to the fore. I am certain that the supportive and collegial nature of our school community will ensure that we will successfully navigate the challenges that the coming days, weeks and months may bring.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Jones', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Nick Jones  
Principal