



**CATHEDRAL COLLEGE WANGARATTA**  
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Dear Parents & Guardians

With the commencement of the school holidays, I hope that you have managed to begin a routine that will support a harmonious and positive household over the coming weeks. These school holidays will certainly be unlike any we have experienced before and it will require a high level of patience, calmness and understanding from all members of the family.

COVID-19 is proving to be a health and economic crisis on a scale not experienced for close to a hundred years. Cathedral College Wangaratta is committed to supporting our school community in any way possible. I encourage any family whose financial situation has been affected by the closure of businesses or loss of employment to contact Ian Collins or Leanne Batten to discuss arrangements that we are able to put in place.

Our staff have made significant progress in developing plans to deliver a meaningful off-site teaching and learning program to all students from the start of Term Two, if required. Students have been provided with information and resources to take home. Specific guidelines and suggested timetables will be sent to all families electronically during the final week of the school holidays.

I would like to reiterate that the number one priority for everybody is the health and well-being of all members of our school community. If and when we are required to move to an off-site teaching and learning model, students will be asked to complete work as they are able to do so. I do not want to add to an already highly stressful environment. Parents and caregivers should structure the school day to best meet the needs of their individual children. The day should incorporate; time outside where possible, an abundance of age-appropriate play-based activity, boardgames, card games, strategy and lateral thinking activities, gardening, reading, journal writing and a small amount of recreational screen time.

The education of all children across the country will be affected by the COVID -19 virus. Children will not be left behind. When the country returns to normal operations and schools can open again, teachers will spend the time required to cover content and revisit concepts and curriculum that was covered during off-site delivery.

We must all remain agile and flexible during these very challenging times. I urge you to follow the social distancing measures that have been implemented and for all of us to play our part in slowing the spread of this virus.

Please continue to look out for each other. We are a strong and resilient community and we will emerge on the other side of this crisis with a renewed vigour and appreciation for the way of life we normally enjoy.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Jones', written in a cursive style.

Nick Jones  
Principal