



CATHEDRAL COLLEGE WANGARATTA
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Dear Parents and Guardians

I am certainly conscious of not overwhelming you with information during the COVID-19 health crises; however, I will be providing you with regular updates as they come to hand. This correspondence will be sent via email and be accessible via our school website.

Cathedral's primary focus is to support the health and well-being of all our students, staff and the wider school community. We are monitoring and following the advice from official government departments regarding our response to COVID-19. To the best of our ability, we are enforcing strict hygiene requirements and implementing social distancing measures where possible.

This morning the Prime Minister announced that schools will remain open for the time being. Whilst we continue to be guided by the relevant authorities, please be assured that detailed contingency plans are in place. Specific guidelines and instructions will be provided if and when the school is required to close for a duration of time. I am confident that our students will be given every opportunity to continue their studies in a meaningful way if a school closure is implemented.

We must communicate information consistently to our young people. Our children require us to be open, honest and consistent in our support of their emotional and mental well-being. I encourage you, where possible, to; maintain regular routines, look for opportunities to have fun and reassure your children that life will return to normal.

I have been very grateful for the response of our school community during these difficult times. There is a level of uncertainty which is leading to a heightened sense of fear and anxiety. The best response we have is to come together to support each other and to remain positive. We will recover from this health crisis, and we will be a stronger community because of this experience.

Look out for each other, support the vulnerable and stay informed.

Kind regards

Nick Jones
Principal