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## Coronavirus Update #6

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we sit to write this at the end of the first day of Learning@Home for most of our School community, or Learning@School for those students that attended, we appreciate that there has been a wide range of emotions experienced by both our students and parents today. We want to assure you that we are in this together, that we are only a phone call or email away and will do whatever we can to support you over the coming days and weeks.

### Fee Relief

The School Board has unanimously approved a support package for our School community today, as we endeavour to walk alongside each of our families in these rapidly changing times. **As such, ALL school fees will be reduced by 50% for both Terms Two and Three.** This is in recognition of the changing circumstances that we are facing, with most of our students at home for the foreseeable future and to acknowledge your vital partnership with us in delivering Learning@Home through this season. Your fee payments will be adjusted accordingly, for the start of Term 2. If you have experienced severe hardship and need further assistance, you are encouraged to speak with or email our Business Manager David Grey on [d.grey@leighland.tas.edu.au](mailto:d.grey@leighland.tas.edu.au)

### Communication

As a school, we are committed to keeping in contact with our families and students each week. This could be through an email, phone call or through Microsoft Teams. Community and connections are two vital components of a Christian education at Leighland Christian School, and we are actively looking for ways to support each other and create a sense of normal for our children in a rapidly changing world.

Over the next two weeks, the School will be sending out information on how we plan to deliver some lesson support using the School's YouTube channel, as well as through Microsoft Teams, for which we will provide some step by step instructions on how to use this for upper primary, secondary and college students.

### Learning@Home

We would love to see some pictures of what Learning@Home looks like for your family. Please email some photos into your child's teachers so that we can share in what they are doing, letting us know if you are ok with these being posted on our School social media pages.

### Take a Break and be kind to yourselves

We understand that this situation can be overwhelming for you and your family; it certainly is for us as we adapt and react to daily changes in requirements and school operations. If you have chosen to keep your children at home, please don't stress too much as you support them completing their schoolwork at home. The work that they are studying is work that they would have been completing as they head towards the end of term. So just do your best.

Remember that Learning@Home allows a great opportunity to do some additional fun things with your children; bake a cake, cook some biscuits, paint a picture together, do a puzzle, play a board game, put on some music or play with the family pets. This was never supposed to be 'school', it is what we have to do in the current climate of social distancing, but it is also a perfect opportunity to reconnect as a family and to get back to the basics.

**What are we doing at school?**

Staff are being kept very busy at school. We have collapsed classes to accommodate for the number that are still Learning@School, so there are teachers and teacher's aides appointed to these multi-age and subject groups. We have others calling home and connecting with families, talking children through some of their schoolwork, checking in to see how they are going, while others still are preparing lessons and the resources that are needed to go with them. We are observing social distancing requirements and are trying to give the children at school as normal a day as possible.

**A school that prays together stays together**

As we continue working hard to deliver teaching and learning materials to all our families, we are praying for each one of you, both collectively and independently. If you have any specific prayer points, then please let us know so that we can be covering them for you as well. It is good to know and have confidence that God is in control and that we can come to Him with our fears, concerns and burdens.

*1 Peter 5:7*

***Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.***

Yours faithfully



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