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Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Coronavirus Update #3**

This is our third Parent Communication, and we are sure that like us, many of you have been keeping across recent updates from the Prime Minister around COVID-19. It is, and has been, very difficult to predict outcomes when circumstances are frequently changing. We are so thankful that God reminds us in times like these in Isaiah 41:13 (NIV) "I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

Last night, the Prime Minister requested we stay open for now, however, you are your child's primary carer and educator and the decision lies with you. With this in mind, you are free to keep your child home at this time without judgement or recrimination from the School. If this is a choice you would like to make, please let the School know of your intentions. We will endeavour to provide some basic resources and home learning tasks in the interim. Please be mindful, the Government has advised if you wish to keep your child at home and you are in the position to look after them that is acceptable. If you choose this option, you as a parent must be responsible for your children and social distancing for your family. Nonetheless, please remember the School continues to remain open until we are instructed differently, and lessons will continue to be delivered that cover the whole curriculum.

The Board met late last week to determine the School response to COVID-19 due to the rapidly changing situation.

They have affirmed their commitment to parents, staff and students to ensure we support all areas of our School community as we continue to deliver Christian Education through this crisis. This means providing the additional resources to keep our School cleaned thoroughly, to promote personal hygiene practices, ensuring our staff are supported, and maintaining the work practices deployed to minimise the risk of infection to students, staff and parents, ensuring our School is a safe environment. We are a Christian community committed to the care and wellbeing of all our families, staff and contractors.

Both the Board and Principals are committed to delivering Christian Education and providing practical support for parents and staff who are impacted by this pandemic. The School will remain open for as long as it is deemed safe to do so, or until government policy changes. The staff are currently planning to deliver education to students in the event the School does close at some point in the future and we will keep you informed of how this will work as this plan is finalised. This is a totally new paradigm for everyone that we need to adapt to quickly so we are working hard to determine how this will work. This is an evolving process and staff are committed to continuing your child / children's education through this time of uncertainty.

The Senior Leadership Team, consisting of the two Principals and Business Manager, are committed to providing timely communication to all parents as it is important parents are kept up to date with the latest developments as they become available. We urge you to keep connected to what is happening at school. Information is shared through the following platforms to ensure all parents are kept informed; through the school website, Edsmart, Skoolbag, Facebook, newsletter, text messaging, and written communication available from Reception.

*"...Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)*

The most important thing now is how we demonstrate our faith in God to our students through a calm, caring and considered response to this crisis. In the face of unprecedented uncertainty in our time is when our faith in God should shine; we need to model how to remain calm and not panic, how to care for one another, to remain prayerful and most of all, to take all reasonable steps to protect ourselves and others to help prevent the spread of this virus.

Furthermore, the Board is committed to those families who will be directly impacted by a loss of job or business as the result of the rapidly changing economic circumstances. With such a dramatic impact on the economy, circumstances are changing daily, and many are not within our control. We do want to assist you if your school fees are now outside your budget. It is inevitable this crisis will hurt some families financially and we urge you to contact our Business Manager, David Grey, so we can put in place the necessary assistance through this time.

Please be assured that leadership is working tirelessly to ensure we make good, sustainable decisions and care for everyone in our community. We are blessed to have committed staff and the resources available to keep Leighland Christian School sustainable while providing a place of security for you and your family. We urge you to contact our Principals or Business Manager, either Glenn, Liz or David if you have any pressing need and we will do our best to respond and support you.

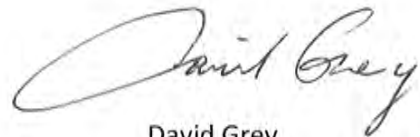
Yours faithfully



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