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**Parent Communication #5**

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are providing our next update to keep you informed of the recent changes in this fast changing environment that directly impacts our School. It is encouraging to see our School community care and support one another as best as they can in this season of uncertainty.

We have decided to align ourselves with the Government schools and provide four student free days at the end of this Term. Please note that no student work will be required to be completed over those four days.

Senior Leadership and Senior Staff are working diligently, along with teachers, to prepare an alternative educational delivery mode for students, if we are required to operate remotely. Having the student free days will assist teachers to plan, prepare and embrace a different method of remote teaching and learning that is not typically utilised in schools. Please know that we are planning to stay open unless instructed differently by the Government.

Currently we are well underway in developing two methods of delivering education to students - Learning @ School and Learning @ Home. Learning @ School will take on the normal approach of school based lessons where teachers will be delivering lesson content to a class of students. Learning @ Home will be around providing those students that may be self-isolating with tasks and lessons through digital means or hard copies of work.

Students are being introduced to certain digital platforms in Upper Primary and High School over this week in case they need to engage with the Learning @ Home method. We have seen significant success and engagement from students around this delivery method. Also, in the interim for students staying at home, students have been responding well with the other measures of learning we have provided, both digitally and through hard copies of work.

A survey is currently being developed requesting information around the access you have to technology at home. This will help us as a school to guide the development of the Learning @ Home delivery method.

We are currently running around 70% of school-based attendance and 30% home based. This has been changing as parents make the best choice for their children with the conditions we face, and for some, parents have returned their children back to school for their learning. We are hoping and praying that this may be the case over the coming weeks and months as the conditions improve. Please know, as we have said before, you are your child's primary carer and educator and the decision lies with you. Remember you are free to keep your child home without judgement or recrimination from the School.

As a school we will follow the direction of the Government and continue to provide the safest environment that we can for staff and students in the delivery of Christian education.

Please pray for one another, stay positive, exercise good hygiene and look out for what God is doing around and through you. I heard a quote from a pastor that helped me realign my thinking when he said, 'faith or fear are a product of what we focus on'.

If you would like to speak to us about your personal concerns, or want to be reassured in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the campus Principal as we are only too happy to meet with you.

Yours faithfully

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