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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

RE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

I am writing to thank you for your incredible support last week, as we transitioned to remote learning for all our students. As you can imagine, it was a very busy week for staff with much learnt along the way. I understand that while some of you found it challenging at the start, in most cases a good routine was developed by the end of the week. I want to sincerely thank you for everything you are doing to support your child's education. Your feedback has been very helpful and positive.

On Monday the College was informed that the South Australian Minister for Education, in conjunction with the Federal Minister for Education and other State Ministers, had agreed that at least for the first few weeks of Term 2 the vast majority of students will continue their schooling from home under the supervision of parents. Schools will, however, remain open to supervise the children of essential/frontline workers and those children deemed vulnerable. **On the basis of this information the College will reopen for Term 2 on Monday 27th April to provide supervision for those students who require it. All teaching will continue via remote learning mode.**

To help us plan our staffing for Term 2, I would appreciate it if you could respond to the survey which has been emailed directly to you, to indicate whether your child will require supervision at school or be learning from home. If you have more than one child, please complete the survey linked to each letter emailed to you. It is important that we can timetable sufficient staff at school to supervise students safely. If your plans subsequently change from those you indicate in the survey, we ask that you provide us with a few days notice. This will help us ensure that we have appropriate supervision available for students.

As previously communicated, the College has received advice that students who are 'attending' school via home learning are to be marked as attending school, while students who do not access learning from home are to be marked as 'absent for family reasons' or 'absence explained'. As a consequence, next term teachers will be regularly checking-in with students to ensure they are engaging with their learning and following up work when it is not submitted. While this is fairly straight forward in the Junior School, where students have one main teacher, in the Middle and Senior Schools each subject teacher will be checking to ensure that set work is completed.

For suggestions as to how you can support your child's learning at home please refer to the **Remote Learning: Student/Parent Guide** that was emailed to you last week. A copy of this guide can also be found on our College website under News & Events/COVID-19. As you are

responsible for the supervision of your child when learning at home, if they are asked to do something of a practical nature that you are not comfortable with (e.g. cooking), please contact the teacher concerned.

As we move into Term 2, please be patient with our staff as they continue to familiarise themselves with the techniques required for effective remote learning. Rest assured, they will be doing their utmost to provide the best possible education and pastoral support they can for your child. For the convenience of students attending school, the College Canteen will be open as normal next term.

To conclude, may you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.

With very best wishes to you this Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Alan Connah
Principal