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Dear parents

RE: CoVid 19 update

I am writing to you to provide further information in relation to the way our school is dealing with this issue.

As far as practicable students are being taught by their own teacher in their own room / environment to provide assurance, certainty and normality.

I am reading the latest information as provided by Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM), Department of Education (DET), and Work Cover. All necessary steps are being implemented. The consistent message is to continue to practice appropriate hygiene measures and protocols. The practice of 'social distancing' is also recommended however may not be practical in all instances (i.e. when students are at play)

School assemblies will be held for children and teachers only for the next two weeks.

No Tuckshop for the remainder of this term.

All offsite activities have been postponed until further notice, including interschool sport, offsite activities, excursions and the like. Reconciliation planned for next week and Confirmation have also been postponed. Class Masses will not take place for the next two weeks.

Given all of these events our School Disco scheduled for March 26th will not proceed. I am awaiting an alternate date for next term.

If you are concerned that your child is unwell, please take the normal steps you would to have them stay home.

If you are concerned about longer term impacts, as several families have already done, you may choose to keep your child / children at home. Please note, as school is still running as per normal it is difficult for teaching staff to accommodate requests for work to be sent home in this instance. Parents can access the Department of Education website "FUSE".

I apologise for any inconvenience being caused. These are interesting times at the moment and our students are best served by acting safely and ensuring consistency around our routines is one way we can do this.

I will provide regular updates as required.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Cheer

Principal