



24 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank the St Mary's School Parent Community for your wonderful support of the school and the strategies that we have already put into place in the face of the virus pandemic.

The school's main priority during this time is to continue to focus on offering a safe and happy place for the students, where they can continue their learning journey whether it be at home or at school.

I write to inform you of the following strategies that have been put in place for our students:

- ✚ the remainder of **Term 1** is "work as usual" and the students will continue their learning as planned.
- ✚ for students who are self-isolating or unwell, we ask **Prep and Year 1** students to continue to complete work that has been communicated to you via e-mail by classroom teachers.
- ✚ Please note teachers will only be responsible for the marking of work **which they have set**.
- ✚ For **Years 2-6** students who are already self-isolating at home, the work completed in class will be emailed to you at the **completion of each day**. This may include revision, reading, Mathletics, online activities and religious Easter activities
- ✚ With this letter, please find the fact sheet on how to log your child into the work page on the school intranet. We ask that all parents/students please have an experimental log-in on this Friday to check if you are successful in logging in.
- ✚ Revision packages (booklets) will be sent home **for Years 2-6** students on Thursday in case of early closure. They will also be placed on the intranet for those who have not been at school.
- ✚ Term 2 will commence on Monday 20 April 2020, unless advised otherwise. We would like to assure parents and caregivers that we are well prepared if school closure is necessary after the school holidays.
- ✚ In the event of a school closure, our school intranet will be our platform for learning.
- ✚ If you do not have a reliable internet service, please advise the school's front office on 07 4671 1730, before Friday this week so that we can make alternative arrangements for your family.
- ✚ This Friday our staff will be planning for next term and after this time we will communicate with you what the learning for your child will look like for Term 2 in case of school closure.

Could we please use this opportunity to reassure everyone that we are prepared and ready if the school needs to go into early closure or extended leave.

Kind regards

Brett Pollard  
Principal