



2 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

These past weeks have been different from anything we have experienced before as families and as a school community.

Together with Catholic Education SA, and in partnership with families, our staff at St Joseph's Memorial are committed to ensuring educational, spiritual and pastoral support for every child in our school.

I provide this update to you as we work through the significant implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and the changes that will be required to ensure we can continue to support the learning and wellbeing of your child.

## **Term 1**

As you are aware, next week will be a pupil free week for all CESA schools. This time between Monday 6 April and Thursday 9 April will enable teachers and school staff to prepare for the remote delivery of curriculum.

If you have no alternative care arrangements for your child, supervision will be available during this pupil-free week at our Bridge Street site. Please contact us immediately to confirm your needs, as well as to confirm the availability of any normal OSHC services if required.

## **Term 2**

From the commencement of Term 2, unless informed otherwise by the Government, Catholic schools will remain open to provide remote curriculum delivery and to support students whose particular circumstances require them to be at school.

We will work with families of students who will require attendance at school during this time. This will include children whose parents are required to be at work.

Learning will be delivered simultaneously in school and at home. All students will access the same mode of learning; those at school will be supervised to access the same curriculum provided for those who will access it remotely.

This mode of learning will continue until we are advised differently by the government.

## **Fee remission**

Families who have lost significant income due to COVID-19 will receive a total school fee remission, initially for a period of 3 months. We will work with families to implement and provide this financial assistance.

Any families who are experiencing any financial difficulty are encouraged to engage with us and we will confidentially and sensitively work through this with you.

### **Supporting your child's learning from home**

We continue to work to ensure students' welfare and learning is optimal. We are committed to ensuring this work is undertaken with continuing commitment, care and expertise.

Catholic Education SA will soon launch a website that will support students living and learning in an online learning environment. The site will include practical information about how you can support your child at home. Details on how to access this website will be communicated to you shortly.

Catholic Education SA will also continue to provide updated information on its website – [www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts](http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts) - and Facebook - and of course, the staff and I, will be present at school in Term 1 until 9 April.

The development of your child – educationally, spiritually and pastorally – is our highest priority, and we know that this is heavily dependent upon the strong, trusting partnership we have built with each family. We are stronger through our work together.

May you and those you care about remain safe and well. Please do not hesitate to contact me if staff or myself can assist in any way.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brady Stallard', written in a cursive style.

Brady Stallard

Principal