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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Update - At-Home Learning Procedure**

I apologise for the late notice. It is quite a surreal moment sitting here writing this to you. I don't think any of us would have predicted at the start of the year that by March we would be considering schools needing to prepare to teach all students using online platforms. Yet here we are, and can I say how grateful I am for the support and understanding you have afforded us as a school as we navigate these unprecedented challenges.

This evening I am informing you of our intention to move to an At-Home Learning plan from this Thursday 26 March. **It is important to note that our At-Home learning plan also applies to students who need to come to school to work.** The NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, today announced that schools will move to an online learning platform that students can access from home or school. The Premier made it clear that teachers must deliver '1 Unit' of teaching to all students. For all schools in NSW, this announcement means that even if your child attends school, they will not receive face-to-face teaching, but will be supervised as they engage in whatever online learning the school is providing. This is to ensure equity and equal access to teaching and opportunities for all students.

I am pleased to say that we have been working hard behind the scenes anticipating such an announcement. We are now in the process of putting finishing touches on our At-Home Learning Plan so we can continue quality teaching and learning whilst these regulations are in place. As such, for the next couple of days, our teachers will be working hard to prepare for the launch of At-Home Learning from this Thursday. For students who come to school tomorrow and Wednesday, supervision and basic work will be provided, however teachers won't be delivering face to face lessons.

From Thursday, all students will have access to online teaching and learning which can be completed at home, or at school for those who can't keep their children at home. More details regarding accessing online learning will come over the next day or so, including video tutorials for parents who are new to Google Classroom or Chromebooks.

**For our parents of K-2 students, I will send a separate email to you tomorrow morning outlining some key differences that you need to be aware of.**

Please find attached a copy of our At-Home Learning Procedures for parents. I would encourage you to read this document very carefully. The procedures outline key details and expectations around the implementation of the plan and will hopefully address a lot of questions you may have. Please note that this document is fluid. It is my expectation that we will make adjustments as we iron out issues as they arise.

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Please be patient with us as this occurs. Your feedback is welcome, but please keep it constructive. We aren't going to get it right straight away, but we will do our best. I would ask that you direct any major concerns or issues to me and only communicate with teaching staff around your child's learning where appropriate.

Please note that we will not be rolling out the full suite of curriculum delivery expectations as outlined in the document from this Thursday. It may be the case that classes will start with some content, which will build as teachers are trained and equipped.

Thank you again for your support. You are a fantastic school community and I know we will come out of this richer for the experience. Look after each other and I will speak with you soon.

Kind regards,



Glen Westcott  
**Principal**