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Dear Parent and Caregivers

YEAR 7-9 TRANSITION TO REMOTE TEACHING IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

You will undoubtedly have received and read the email from Andrew Linke which describes how Emmaus will respond to Prime Minister Morrison's Sunday night statement. I am writing to you to give you some specific details that relate to Middle School students.

The Middle School teachers in the Essential Learning areas of History, Maths, Science, and English are already placing assignments on Google Classroom. They will begin moving towards updating their Google Classroom page with schoolwork twice a week. This will allow students at home to remain up to date with their learning. As Andrew Linke mentioned, "Emmaus is primarily still focusing teacher time and energy into our 'face to face' delivery approach," so please be patient and understanding as our teachers try to provide quality lessons at school whilst at the same time providing online work for students at home.

Our teachers are excellent communicators and endeavour to respond to all emails/phone calls within a 24 hour turnaround. However, please be aware that they will only be checking their email accounts during business hours, and be mindful of the volume of communication that you send through.

Camps are a key part of the Emmaus experience, and I was very disappointed to cancel the Year 7 and Year 8 camps that were meant to be held this term. I am looking at rescheduling the camps for Term 4, and you will be informed of the new dates when selected. If no new dates can be found that work OR COVID-19 does not let us go on camps this year, you will be refunded your camp fee.

Again, thank you for your flexibility and understanding, we are doing our very best to work with you, our students, and each other in these changing times. May God bring a sense of peace to your households.

Yours sincerely

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Caretaker Head of Middle School