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Dear Parent and Caregivers

## **Yr 10-12 TRANSITION TO REMOTE TEACHING IN SENIOR SCHOOL**

You should have received and read the recent email from Andrew Linke, which describes how Emmaus will respond to Prime Minister Morrison's Sunday night statement. I have been asked to also write to you to provide specific details that relate to Senior School students.

The Senior School teachers are already placing assignments on Google Classroom and are adding their lesson plans for each week. This will allow students at home to remain up to date with their learning. However, as Andrew explains, 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.

As we inevitably progress towards a fully remote program there will increasingly be lesson instructions, examples, relevant information and instructional video footage on Google Classroom at various stages of the school week. When we are required to offer a fully remote program there will be further information regarding protocols in regard to signing in for attendance, for monitoring student work and wellbeing, Google Classroom and Google Meet protocols, assessment, duty of care and SACE requirements. Subjects will be offered according to the current timetable.

Please note, that the SACE Board works closely with schools to ensure that no students are disadvantaged by these circumstances.

As Year 12 students are undertaking a very important year, I have requested that all Year 12 subject teachers email their students' families to outline how they are managing the changing conditions for their subject area and how they will manage a fully remote course. Please expect an update for each of your Year 12 student's subject teachers in the next few days.

Camps are a key part of the Senior School and I am very disappointed to cancel the Year 11 camps, that is the Lands Trip, the Arts Trip, the Monarto Zoo camp and the Food Trail. At this point in time the Snow Trip, as it is interstate, will also be cancelled - the Trip Coordinator will be in touch regarding this. Also, the Vietnam Cambodia trip will not proceed in 2020. Similarly, the Work Experience program for Year 10s has been cancelled. Please arrange to contact relevant stakeholders. We will look to provide opportunities for Work Experience next year, when these students are in Year 11. I am keen to still offer the Year 10 Social Justice camp which is Week 8 of Term 3. I will need to decide in May, depending on the outlook at the COVID -19 progress, so I will be able to advise families at this stage. For the camps that do not proceed this year a refund of the camp fee will be available.

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. I pray that you will have a sense of hope for the future as it is in God's hands and that his peace that is beyond understanding will be in your heart.

Yours sincerely

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