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Dear Parents and Caregivers

SENIOR SCHOOL REMOTE LEARNING

This letter is to inform you of the remote learning programs that the Senior School at Emmaus will implement for Term 2 until it is deemed appropriate for students to return to school for a face to face program.

The Senior School staff have spent a significant amount of time preparing to deliver their programs in a professional manner that best suits the current situation. My prayer is that every student will be able to engage in each subject and the pastoral program in a way that is rewarding and supportive.

We understand that there are substantial differences having students learning from home and we want to reassure you that the workload within each subject will be closely monitored. Students will continue to receive clear instructions for each subject through Google Classroom. Your student's teachers will be available during the normal lesson times. For subject specific information please read the pdf attached.

There are specific protocols that are required when working with the platforms we engage in as a school, that is Google Meets and Google Classroom, and we expect students to engage appropriately. To assist you and your student with the expectations of remote learning we have developed the following resources. Please go through this information with your student.

- [Student Guide to Remote Learning:](#)
- [Parent Guide to Remote Learning](#)

Students will follow the same timetable for Term 1 as we transition to remote learning, which means that students can expect to start their day at 8.35am with Home Group and finish at 3.10 pm. All students, (including year 12's), will need to log in before 8.45am to the **Home Group Google Form** to then watch the morning's devotion, read the notices and prepare themselves for their day's learning. On Thursdays (for most Home Groups) a Google Meet will be arranged with their Home Group teacher. It is here that their Home Group teacher will record attendance for the day as per government requirements. Please follow the normal procedures of communication if your student is late or absent by emailing their Home Group teacher and Debby Scheepers at Student Services (dscheepers@emmauscc.sa.edu.au).

This process is evolving. In order to best gauge how we are meeting the needs of your child, we will request your feedback through a survey on occasion during the term.

Our Student Wellbeing Coordinators have created a [Wellbeing Resource](#) for students and families to access support when needed. This website is also home to free downloadable resources to help with motivation, organisation, mental health care from home and more.

Finally, teachers, the House Coordinators and myself will make every attempt to manage the support we provide for students in a manner consistent to what we offer under regular circumstances. We will continue to follow up attendance, late work and wellbeing. We do appreciate the good communication and collaborative support that parents also provide for their students and pray that we will be back physically at the school soon.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

Kind Regards

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