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Dear Middle School Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your support as we process these recent announcements and determine the best response for our College community. There are two scenarios we are planning for.

- **Scenario 1: Students Return Wednesday Week 7**
- **Scenario 2: Students Cannot Return Wednesday Week 7**

We will have to wait and see which of these two scenarios occur based on updates from our State Government. Regardless of which direction we need to take, the following will occur:

### **What Will Happen Regardless**

- No new content or units of work will be taught.
- We will not be implementing 'online learning' for students.
- Current assessments that can be completed online e.g. Google Classroom, still stand and will be submitted for assessment.
- Current assessments that require students to be onsite are to be cancelled.
- Students will continue revision for their Middle School exams.
- Online revision materials will be provided for students (ie uploaded onto Google Classrooms).
- Science, Maths, and Language textbooks are available to students online.
- Yr 7-9 History exam will no longer count towards the end of semester grade.
- The allocated weighting for assessments remains in place for completed assessments. If assessments cannot be completed, semester grades will be determined from completed assessments.
- Practical Subjects - no new practical work or assessments will occur. Grades will be determined based on completed assessments.

### **Scenario 1: Students Return Wednesday Week 7**

This would involve a modified Week 7 timetable with an updated exam schedule. Middle School staff and Senior School staff would share the load of student supervision (more details including the new exam schedule still to come).

The key components of the Year 8 Assembly will be combined in a modified Year 8 and 9 Assembly. If gatherings such as assemblies are not permitted to occur in person then alternative arrangements will be made to celebrate the positive components of this year.

### **Scenario 2: Students Cannot Return Wednesday Week 7**

If the State Government restrictions prevent students from returning to the College on Wednesday of Week 7, 25 November:

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- Middle School exams will be cancelled.
- The revision students have done over the lockdown time will not have been wasted as revision is useful and valuable to support long-term learning.
- The key components of the Year 8 Assembly planned for Monday of Week 7 and Year 9 Assembly planned for Monday of Week 8 will be shared with students and parents in an alternative format.
- Arrangements for Week 8 will be provided when more clarity is provided by the State Government regarding restrictions.

We are disappointed that the recent COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in the loss of some of the highlight events in the life of our Middle School. Thank you for the overwhelming support from families regarding the decisions we have made to support the safety of your children, the College community and the broader community. Your understanding, patience and emails of encouragement and prayer have been greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

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