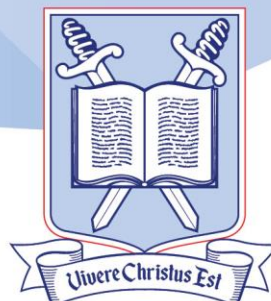


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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Re: COVID – 19 Update No. 9.

As we near the end of the week, we hope and pray that you all remain safe and well. The world has changed so much for all of us over the space of this week and for many of us, this can be most confronting. Our staff have all embraced a new way of teaching and learning and so have our kids and families. How long this goes on for is in the '*lap of the gods*' and as we continue to develop our online skills, together we will all make it through.

Michael Leunig, the modern-day philosopher who has his beautiful cartoons and thoughts published in the Sydney Morning Herald each Saturday also has published a book of prayers called "When I Talk to You." Today, at our weekly Leadership meeting I used a short prayer from him. I would like to share that with you all.

*Dear God,
These circumstances will change.
The situation shall pass.
Amen.*

We have made the decision to shut the revolving gate entrance from Hayden Brook Drive. This has been done for the security of the site. With reduced numbers, we need to be very conscious of people coming onto the site particularly when there are not as many people here to keep an eye out. So, from today, the main entrance is the only access to the College.

The other issue that I would like to bring to your attention is IT Support. Below is the direct link to our IT Support team. These gentlemen work tirelessly every day to ensure that our network is working and that our systems are delivering as they are intended to do. Normally students who have IT issues would pop down to our IT service centre to get issues solved.

In this new world of online learning, at times the students will face issues where things don't work. Web pages don't load, and passwords get confused. Over the next few days, I have asked the team to come up with a few tricks and fixes that might be able to be done from home to solve some of the common issues that have been emerging. In the meantime, I ask students to use the link below to access support from our team. I have asked the team to prioritise student IT issues so that we can get things working as quickly as we can. Obviously at times there might be delays and issues beyond our control. If that is the case and it is a system wide problem, we will endeavour to get that message to everyone. The link: Brg-support@mn.catholic.edu.au

Finally, the Catholic Schools Office in their update yesterday, issued a letter about fees. Please have a look at that update and be assured that schools will continue, enrolments are still happening and that no student will be turned away because of issues with ability to pay fees going forward. As the prayer suggested... *The situation shall pass.*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G Selmes".

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal