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Dear parents/carers

I want to thank you all for your support in what has been one of the most unusual starts to a school term we have ever seen. Together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

Today, the State Government announced changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice. As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home. Over the last three weeks we have seen most of our students return to school, which is fantastic.

This means students are either:

- at school;
- have a medical referral to learn from home; or
- recorded as absent if they do not attend.

Current health advice states that schools remain safe for staff and students and should remain open. We want to make sure all students get the best education possible, which is why attending school is so important. We are here to make sure all students are learning and there's no doubt, schools are the best place for this to occur.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, we will work with you in partnership with the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support your child's learning from home. If you feel your child is in this category, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will work together on next steps.

If your child does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.

The extra cleaning and hygiene practices will continue and as part of the social distancing measures, we ask parents/carers to not enter school grounds when dropping of/picking up.

The State Government will continue to make decisions based on the best health advice. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the education of your children.

If you have any queries, please contact the school on 9965 8400.

Yours sincerely

GREG KELLY
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