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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well and have enjoyed Easter blessings and time together in these unusual days.

Important Guidelines for the Assumption students in your home

The key purpose of this mail out is to provide your family with two important guiding documents that can be placed in a prominent position in your home as we undertake learning via Assumption@Home in Term 2.

The first document, 'Assumption@Home', outlines our guidelines for how each school day could be structured for students. We appreciate that every family is different, and that many homes are juggling multiple people working from one space. We will be trying to bring consistency and stability to your child's day by replicating their school schedule and routines as much as is reasonable and possible. This document also shares the high expectations of personal responsibility that we have of our students in their learning at home, and some excellent resources should they need support or additional work in a particular curriculum area.

The 'Wellbeing Guide' is equally as important in that it reminds us of the core values and beliefs that keep our personal and collective community identity strong. It also provides support in developing our social, emotional and spiritual growth. The Pastoral Team will also be supplementing this Guide with monthly calendars that offer suggestions for how to ensure balance in our daily life in isolation.

How we will communicate with parents:

- Assumption will continue to use email as the main communication tool to parents.
- We will also, from time to time, use the College App to push out short messages to specific groups of parents.
- The College's Social Media channels (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter) will only be used for helping people feel connected. No key messages will be communicated to parents this way.
- Reception will remain staffed and during school hours your call can easily be directed to the person you would like to speak to.
- I strongly recommend that parents also regularly go through their son/daughter's school email on a regular basis, to help them organise their days. This might be a useful 'event' to schedule each day with your child.
- If you or your child are experiencing difficulties accessing information or resources online, please ring the College and we will assist. Our ICT department is available for support and repairs, and we have additional ICT equipment that may assist in your particular situation. If all else fails, we have staff available to send hard copies of key documents and work.

How parents can communicate with the College:

- Your Learning Mentor is, as always, the first point of call if you have concerns about how your child is managing their learning at home. They are available via email or phone as normal, as are the teachers.
- Our counsellors and youth worker are also available if you think your child could benefit from their services.
- Some days Assumption@Home will work well for you and your family and on other days it may not! Be gentle with yourself - we are not expecting you to take on teaching duties - reach out to your child's teachers and they will assist if things are becoming overwhelming.
- We will be putting a 'feedback loop' in place as a means of hearing from students and parents about 'what's working well' and where improvements could be made to 'Assumption@Home'. Stay tuned for the link - we can't promise perfection, but we will try and keep improving our systems as we go.

There will be more information provided to you in the days ahead to support the full activation of Assumption@Home. I hope you find these posters useful and encouraging, and would like to acknowledge the terrific work of our learning and pastoral teams in preparing them.

Kind regards,



Kate Fogarty
Principal

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