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YEARS 10 TO 12 PARENT UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Years 10 to 12

You will have received a letter last night from EREA Executive Director Dr Wayne Tinsey outlining the College's response to COVID-19. In this letter Dr Tinsey explains that EREA Schools will continue to remain open until further notice.

Staff at St Edward's have continued to plan for a transition to an online learning environment, to ensure that if the directive is issued that schools are to close, we will be in a position to provide a quality program of teaching and learning to all students.

In order to maximise student learning, we need to plan to ensure equity of access for all students to the online platform. Over the last three years, we have implemented a staged approach to the roll out of a One-to-One learning environment. This program has extended to Years 7 - 9 allowing students in Years 10 -12 greater access to the technology available at school. It is therefore important that if we are to move to an off-campus learning platform that students in Years 10 - 12 have access to a device which will support their learning.

We are aware that many students in Years 10 - 12 have their own device to continue to work from home. This may not be the case however for all. To assist our planning, we would like families of boys in Years 10 - 12 to inform us if their son does not have access to any device within the home to allow their learning to continue. We are planning to loan these students one of the College devices that are currently being used in classrooms. With only a certain supply of devices available, it is important that only families of students without any access to a home device inform us of their situation.

Families wishing to make a request to loan a device are asked to complete the Laptop Loan Request form available at the following link [Laptop Loan Request](#), which will notify our Information Services Department (ISD). A member of the ISD team will then be in contact with families explaining the process involved. It is important to remember that at this stage we are only collecting information from families to assist the planning process if the College is required to transition to an off-campus delivery of teaching and learning. No devices will be provided to families prior to this decision being made.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ISD Help Desk team on 4321 6444, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information outlined in this letter.

Your sincerely

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