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PARENT UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19

Dear Parents and Carers

Teaching staff have been collaboratively working on the development of an approach to online learning that will not only meet the educational needs of students, but also their well-being needs during a time of isolation. We are currently at the stage where the majority of families have made the decision to follow the NSW Premier's advice to keep their children home from school. The transition to off-campus delivery has reached the stage where teachers are catering for the learning needs of students attending school and those that are off-campus accessing their learning online.

Later today, all families will receive additional correspondence providing advice for parents and students to assist in maximising learning during a period of isolation. It is important to note however, that teachers are currently still working with students who are attending school, while also developing learning activities that are available online via the student portal for students and parents to access at home. Teachers will therefore not be in a position to respond to questions that students working from home may have *during their timetabled lesson*. When we move to a complete off-campus delivery, teachers will be available during each timetabled period. I ask for your understanding and patience during this time of transition. I acknowledge and thank our wonderful staff for their professionalism and dedication to their work during such a difficult time.

I can report there are no reported cases of COVID-19 in the College community and I pray that this remains the case as we all continue to maintain our practices of personal hygiene and social distancing. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 4321 6400, or at principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information outlined in this letter.

Your sincerely

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