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Dear Young Men of St Edward's

As we are about to return to our normal school day on Monday June 1, I wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate you on how you have responded to the difficult circumstances that we have faced over the last few months. At the commencement of Term 2, I challenged all members of the College community to strive to **be the best you can be** in your application, effort and commitment to your learning. You were encouraged to reflect on how you were going to work towards being more responsible and independent in your learning and to establish personal goals related to what you were planning to achieve while working from home. I am extremely pleased to hear the wonderful feedback from your teachers regarding the level of commitment, creativity and responsibility shown by most of their students. We understand that this has been a very challenging time for many to adapt to a new style of learning. Several students found this very difficult at first but worked hard to develop routines, ask their teachers for feedback and support to achieve the best that they could.

The challenge now continues. You are encouraged to reflect on the different independent learning, technological and management strategies that you developed while working from home. It is important that you maintain, strengthen and further improve those positive habits that you have developed. If you truly believe that you worked to the best of your ability, take pride in your efforts. If you return to school on Monday however, with a sense that you could have applied yourself more, then call on these feelings to motivate yourself to do better.

We are looking forward to your return and being able to share stories with you of how we have coped with the challenges that we have faced. We will continue to challenge you to build on the learning skills that you have developed and encourage you to seek ongoing feedback on areas that you may have found difficult. Your teachers have been working tirelessly since we have been challenged by COVID-19 and I hope that you take the opportunity to thank them for their support over the last two months.

We will be returning to our normal six period timetable commencing with Home Room at 8.45am. We will be conducting a six-period day on Fridays as the current restrictions do not allow us to run activities in the afternoon. During Period 4 on Fridays, all students will return to their Home Room and it is during this period we will be conducting our school assemblies and year meetings online. On Friday afternoons, we will have a double period which will change each week, so it is important that you follow your timetable when planning. Your new timetable will appear on the Student Portal on Friday afternoon in preparation for Monday June 1.

It is also important that I take the time to remind you that we will continue to maintain high expectations regarding personal behaviour, application and effort, personal appearance and wearing of the college uniform. The following exceptions regarding uniform will continue to apply:

1. Students are welcome but are not required to wear a College blazer.
2. A summer uniform is permitted while the temperature remains warm.
3. A tie is to be worn if a student is wearing the winter uniform.
4. As we move into the colder months, students are to wear either their College jumper or College tracksuit top, if they do not have a blazer.
5. On days where a student has the subject of PD/H/PE, they are permitted to wear their College sport uniform or tracksuit to school for the day.
6. No non-school uniform items are to be worn at any time.

I wish you the very best for your return to our normal school day and encourage you to commit to engage in your learning to the best of your ability.

Your sincerely

Mark Bonnici
College Principal

