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COVID UPDATE

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Teachers are indicating that the students' level of engagement in the learning activities provided online has been wonderful and we would like to thank the boys for their commitment to their learning, and parents and carers for their support in this process. We are anticipating being provided with further advice in the coming days regarding the status of Home-Based Learning. As we commence Week 3 of the term, I would like to take the opportunity to provide some additional information as well as some reminders.

1. While we continue with Home-Based Learning, the Pastoral Leaders will be conducting a Microsoft Teams meeting with each Year group on Tuesday mornings at 8.40am and this will be completed in time for the boys to attend their first lesson. These meetings are designed to keep the boys up to date with what is happening as well as provide reminders about expectations. The meetings can be accessed via the link provided in the respective year group Pastoral pages in Canvas.
2. We are continuing to monitor student attendance in lessons and notifying parents and carers if concerns arise. It is important that if a student is unwell and unable to participate in online lessons for the day, that parents contact the College as per normal policy. Parents and carers can email absentees to info@stedwards.nsw.edu.au or alternatively contact reception on 4321 6400 and the administration staff will record student absences.
3. The Parent Support Line is available to parents and carers. The Support Line allows parents and carers to book a phone consultation with one of the College Counsellors. It provides a safe place for families to discuss issues or concerns that they may be experiencing themselves or with their son. We understand that the feeling of isolation that we may be experiencing during lockdown may cause concern and we encourage parents and carers to reach out and know that support is available. The Parent Support line can be accessed on the College website using the following link: [Parent Support Line](#).

I thank families for their ongoing patience and support. I will continue to provide updates based on the advice received from Catholic Schools NSW and NSW Government Health Department. Please feel assured that the ongoing safety of staff and students is paramount in any decisions or planning in response to COVID-19.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information outlined in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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