



# St Bede's College

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Dear Parents and Guardians

I write to you in the knowledge that our families are now experiencing the impacts of social isolation.

Like you, my own family has needed to considerably re-adjust our lives to a new reality. It is not a chosen path, but highly necessary given the circumstances.

I am hoping that your family is safe, well and constructively time occupied. There are certain nuances in being together, in a much more concentrated way than usual, some of these even creating unexpected positive outcomes. Ingenuity brings its own rewards.

The College Leadership Team is meeting regularly as we work to ensure that all essential services within the College are still running and as we gear up for a full offsite/online learning experience. Our subject teachers, Learning Area Leaders, Tutor Group and Homeroom teachers, Pastoral Teams and Support Staff are working diligently so that your son continues to receive a sound education.

My essential message to you and your son is to stay in touch with the College. We are here for your son and your family. If you have any questions then ring our reception number or send an email as you would under normal operations for the College.

I wish to re-state that we are aiming to have every boy, who is currently at the College, remain with us until the completion of his senior year. St Bede's families have always presented as spiritual, optimistic and life-giving people. Remind your son strongly, and often, that this phase of his life will pass and we will all have the opportunity to engage in a very meaningful life in the future. Should you feel that your son is needing additional support beyond the regular class work, then please feel free to contact our Pastoral Team, which may include our College Counsellors, depending on the circumstances.

You may wish to click on the following link. Our substantial number of music students will associate with the intent, but for all of us it illustrates that although the St Bede's College Community are not physically together, we remain as one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eXT60rbBVk>

The State Government are yet to make an official statement in relation to schooling in Term 2. As previously indicated, it is very likely that St Bede's College will move to full online learning from Tuesday, 14 April.

My next communication with you will be on **Thursday, 9 April** by way of a pre-recorded video. I will be joined by our Deputy Principal of Learning and Teaching, Ms Haggett and Deputy Principal of Students, Mr Jones. We will also be hearing from College Captain, Elijah Barrett. This link will be sent to all families via email at **10:00am**.

**I ask that you view the link with your son present, so that one clear message is heard by all.** There will be some updates and a number of practical pieces of information given. At 2:00pm on the same day (9 April), all students will receive a link to listen to advice on looking after their own wellbeing. I would also encourage your son to share that link with you.

Stay well and let us keep one another in our collective prayers.

*Per Vias Rectas*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Finn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

**Mr John Finn**

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