



St Bede's College

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Dear Parents and Guardians

I write to you specifically in relation to our online learning provision for your son.

Attached to this letter are the **OFFSITE/ONLINE Learning Guidelines for Families**.

You will note that the platform used by the College is **Google Classroom**, which is widely known by students and staff. Please read the General Principles section carefully as it outlines the key aspects around online learning.

I would suggest that you sit down with your son and read the entire document together. This information has also been sent to all students.

There has been a considerable amount of effort by our Learning Area Leaders to produce a clearly worded statement that explains the protocols and practicalities around offsite/online learning. Please be aware that even though St Bede's College is highly proficient with Information Technology and Systems we are, like all schools, moving to this full learning option for the first time and therefore we will learn some valuable lessons in the process.

The enactment of the policy is on the proviso that the College is not running onsite classes. The timing of the move to online/offsite learning will be as advised to you.

Within the Offsite/Online Learning Guidelines for Families, you will also find attached a set of **College Pastoral Contacts**. You are very welcome to contact the relevant person as needed.

I received a note of appreciation back from The Alfred Hospital yesterday for the cards written by our Year 7 students. Among all this uncertainty, our students continue to shine as a symbol of optimism and hope. As parents and guardians, it is clear that your role can never be underestimated.

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Yours sincerely

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ATTACHMENT: Offsite/Online Learning Guidelines for Families