



St Bede's College

23 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

As advised to you in the text you received from me last night, all students will **finish Term 1 at 12 Noon today**.

This is earlier than first planned due to yesterday's announcement by the Premier of Victoria that all schools will start school holidays from Tuesday 24 March.

Effectively, this means that **school holidays begin tomorrow** with Term 2 officially beginning on Tuesday 14 April. At this stage, it seems very unlikely that Term 2 will begin onsite at St Bede's College.

Please note the following:

- Teaching staff will advise your son of what is required of him in terms of any work that needs to be completed prior to the start of Term 2.
- If we do not return to St Bede's College at the start of Term 2, then we will begin our Offsite/Online Learning Program as from Tuesday 14 April.
- The College will not be physically open during the term break (beginning 24 March).
- The College will continue to run a phone reception line to take incoming calls.
- The College will continue to monitor all electronic communication.
- The College will send out an email to you before the start of Term 2 to give you the latest information.

You would be aware that the College has been planning diligently for Offsite/Online learning and feels that it is well placed to provide a meaningful experience for your son. As per my last correspondence, we strongly encourage you to read the Offsite/Online Learning Guidelines with your son prior to the likely beginning of that program on Tuesday 14 April.

Given the number of letters you have received from me regarding COVID-19, it is clear that the situation has been very fluid. Our number one priority is the health and wellbeing of our St Bede's College Community and the wider community.

I would like to re-state my admiration for the way in which our students and families have supported the College during a dynamically challenging time. I must also applaud our staff who have been magnificent in keeping the school a place of learning, showing care and calm for your sons, given the barrage of information that has been in the media. Thank you to the many families who have written such lovely letters of support.

I wish every blessing to your immediate and extended family in the time ahead.

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Yours sincerely

Mr John Finn

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