



VILLANOVA COLLEGE

24 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Villanova College will continue to remain open on the advice from the Federal and State Governments and health authorities, including the national Chief Health Officer. Please do keep in mind however, that as authorities are constantly monitoring their advice for schools, we should prepare ourselves for the current situation to change with very little notice.

In these last two weeks of the term our priority is to be well-prepared for Learning@Home to support the continuity of learning for all students. As part of our contingency planning in the event authorities require schools to close for any period, we will be conducting two Readiness for Online Learning days, the first this **Thursday 26 March** and another next **Friday April 3**. This will mean students will continue their learning from home on these days. The College will remain open and any students who are not able to be supervised at home, including the sons of frontline emergency services and health workers, will be supervised at the College on both days. If you intend to send your son to school, please send an email to the relevant Student Support Officer detailed below by 3.00pm Wednesday 25 March.

Junior School - Mrs Maria Mascadri - junior@vnc.qld.edu.au

Middle School - Mrs Vicki Lamb - middle@vnc.qld.edu.au

Senior School - Mrs Joy Browning and Mrs Sandy Foster - senior@vnc.qld.edu.au

Should the government make the decision to close schools, in the future we will transition to Learning@Home as soon as possible. Further details regarding the arrangements for Learning@Home will be communicated next week.

In taking the two days to prepare, the College will commence Term 2 on Monday 20 April with classes as per the normal timetable, subject to any contrary advice from authorities about the need to close schools. Parent-Teacher Conferences **will not** be held on Monday 20 April as per the College calendar. Monday 20 April **will not** be a pupil-free day.

Mid- Semester reports will be distributed by the end of the term to families. The report will detail the habits and attitudes of a learner your son has exhibited in these first weeks of the year.

Thank you for your understanding and support during these times of uncertainty. I will continue to keep our community updated as to any future developments.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Stower
College Principal