



29 March 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing to you to detail arrangements for the remainder of Term One. I appreciate that the news presented today is short notice for families. However, the current situation is moving rapidly, and this new information has just recently come to hand.

### End of Term 1

As a result of the evolving COVID-19 situation, today the Queensland Government has advised that Greater Brisbane (including the Brisbane, Logan, Moreton Bay, Ipswich and Redland Local Government areas) will be **locked down for three days from 5pm today including closure of all schools in these areas**. Greater Brisbane is also a declared hotspot by Queensland authorities and other States have been asked to do the same.

While students are not required to attend school for the remainder of the week, the school will continue to provide **supervision** for students where their parents are required to attend work and for vulnerable students (e.g. those living in out-of-home care).

### Continuation of Learning

During this lockdown, teachers will communicate to students the work they need to cover over the next three days. These activities will be available via OneNote or the relevant online platform used by the class. Students will continue with their study on their allocated work in an independent manner. Activities may include:

- Assignment work that needs to be submitted before the end of term.
- Revision of Term One work in preparation for postponed examinations
- Independent reading of a class or other novel
- Continuation of work in preparation for Term Two.

If students have questions, they should communicate with teachers via their usual class communication process and work on other tasks while awaiting a response.

Students have been asked to take their required textbooks and materials home from their lockers. If they do not have their hard copy textbooks then a digital copy is found on the Box of Books digital textbook platform.

### Students Attending School

During this lockdown, all students who are able to be supervised and learn from home are to stay home, except for children of essential workers. It is important that any student who is sick should not attend school for the safety of other students, their families and school staff.

If you require supervision for your son over the next three days, please complete the link below by 5.00pm today.

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any questions about student supervision for essential workers, please call 3394 5504 or email villa@vnc.qld.edu.au.

Students attending school are asked to sign in at the Student Services Desk - Senior School - St Thomas of Villanova Learning Centre before 8.30am each morning. Students will be directed to a classroom and assigned a desk based on social distancing requirements. Wherever possible, the desk and classroom assigned to the student will remain constant for the next three days.

Students will be supervised from 8.00am until 3.00pm. During the school day students will follow the same timetable as normal.

Before the school day begins the following assembly areas will be used to ensure social distancing:

- **Junior School - Junior School Assembly area - St Thomas of Villanova Learning Centre**
- **Middle School - undercroft area under Cascia building**
- **Senior School - undercroft seating area under Veritas building**

At the end of each school day at 3.00pm students are required to sign out at the Senior School Student Services desk.

## Uniform Requirements for Students Attending School

Students attending school are asked to wear their full school uniform. Senior Jerseys and Sports Jackets are not to be worn with the formal school uniform.

## School Transport

I have been reliably informed that school transport is considered an essential service and, as such, will be operating as normal. It may be prudent for parents/caregivers to check with Translink to ensure the normal transport services are running and available for school transport.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

In the current situation we are hoping to be able to continue with Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday 19 April. At this time, please continue to book conference times via the online booking system.

## Assessment

**Examinations** – any examinations that are to be held on Tuesday or Wednesday this week will be postponed until Term Two. A plan for these examinations and any make-up examinations will be communicated later in the week.

**Assignments** – any assignments that were to be submitted this week are still due and should be submitted electronically unless the format does not permit electronic submission (e.g like a hand-built project).

**Please note:** The Year 12 Study of Religion drafts due this week are still expected to be submitted on Wednesday.

### **Co-curricular Activities**

For the duration of the lockdown all co-curricular activities will cease. Please keep an eye on emails from the College and Sports Office.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support at this time.

Yours sincerely



Mr Mark Stower  
**Principal**

