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Learning with strength and in gentleness

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a peaceful weekend and have taken the opportunity to spend valuable time with your family. We are in unprecedented times and are facing challenges that none of us thought were ever possible. However, there are signs in our world that we are coping and living out our Gospel values. This is particularly evident in the essential service workers who are ensuring we have our supplies in our shops and our medical staff who are working tirelessly to ensure we are overcoming COVID-19.

As we journey through learning at home, there will be challenges. We need to concentrate on valuable dispositions in order to scale the hurdles that will be presented. It has been a new experience for our staff, our learners and you as parents and carers supervising learning from home. **Currently, teachers are still required to mark attendance. It is important that learners are accessing their online platform as those who check in remotely and attempt to complete set learning tasks will be marked as present.** Thank you for your valuable feedback via our Facebook page. We will not have it perfect from the start, so please be patient and contact your child's home group teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

Your child's home group teacher has worked tirelessly to ensure that they remain connected to school and that they are meeting the following recommendations from Catholic Education Melbourne:

For learners in **Years Prep to 2**, the school will provide a daily learning program as follows:

- English (45-60 minutes)
- Mathematics (30-45 minutes)
- Additional learning areas - Religious Education, Inquiry, Italian, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education (30-45 minutes)

For students in **Years 3 to 6**, the school will provide a daily learning program allocated as follows:

- English (45-60 minutes)
- Mathematics (30-45 minutes)
- Physical activities (30 minutes) - Physical Education
- Additional learning areas - Religious Education, Inquiry, Italian, Visual Arts, Performing Arts (90 minutes)

Please be aware that your child's home group teacher will also provide feedback on two learning task samples per learner per week via Seesaw, as normal.

During this difficult time, we must all take care to support one another.

Kind regards,

David Hurn
Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching