



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Prime Minister has again announced that NSW schools will remain open for the time being, making clear that parents and carers can keep their children home from school if they would prefer to do so. This morning, the NSW Premier encouraged parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible.

For many families, it will not be possible to keep students at home for a range of reasons including work commitments. We are here to support you in whatever decision your family reaches about whether to continue your children's learning at home or at school.

Each school will communicate directly with families to provide appropriate information about continued learning for students who are staying at home. Our learning team has been working hard to provide centralised resources for school communities to use. In the event of full school closures at a later date, we are well prepared to respond and committed to ensuring continued learning for every student.

Of course, a different approach to attendance will be necessary with some students continuing their learning at home. Discussions with the authorities about how attendance should be recorded in this situation are ongoing. We will keep you updated on this issue as we learn more.

I want to encourage any family experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 to have a confidential conversation with their school Principal to seek support. We appreciate that there will be challenges for some of our families.

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to respond to this unprecedented situation. I know that our schools will continue to do everything possible to support students and their families.

Yours sincerely

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