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Dear Parents and Carers,

It appears the current system of supporting students learning through online platforms and other means availed by teachers for students who have no or little online access will be with us for some time to come, I believe at least all of term 2 and possibly term 3. As a Principal, but more so as a parent of a HSC student I am acutely aware of the new pressures being placed on families and households through these very different and somewhat challenging times.

I would like to stress at this point we all need to take that deep breath and relax. We have seen what the new realm of education delivery looks like in its infancy and our teachers will get better at the variety of delivery and moderating their expectations of students. I understand that it is impossible for students to be on task in their google classroom or other platform with so many demands on internet or the computer in the same household with parents and carers required to work from home along with siblings all needing their time online. I am asking teachers to reduce the expectation of the demand for completed work and timelines for the remainder of this term due to the stress this is causing many households – not just yours.

Please ask your child to do what they can and log on if able to at different times to engage in some meaningful learning but to just do what they are comfortable with. It is the end of term 1, a long 11 week term that has been full of turmoil created by COVID-19 off the back of devastating bushfires in and near our community. Students should also be reminded and encouraged to take a break between classes. I am happy for our students to be spending their time reading, being active, being creative with the arts or looking after their own wellbeing for the remainder of the term.

I will endeavour to produce an update each day as there are pertinent changes to make things more streamlined as they develop. HSC advice from NESA for year 11 and year 12 students will follow along with the structural plan for students for term 2.

Please stay safe, stay calm and take care.

Ken Bates
Principal

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