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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

VICTORIAN CIRCUIT-BREAKER LOCKDOWN

As you will be aware, the Victorian State Government has announced a 7-day state-wide lockdown effective from 11.59pm tonight until 11.59pm on Thursday, 3rd June.

Tomorrow, Friday 28th May, will be a Student Free Day as staff prepare lessons and activities for the rest of next week. No students are to come to school tomorrow.

All Victorian Schools will be implementing the Remote Schooling program on Monday 31st May to Thursday 3rd June ("remote schooling period"). Children of listed Essential Workers will be permitted to attend school during the remote schooling period if the parents/carers are required to work away from home and no parent is available to supervise the child. The list of Essential Workers or Services as provided by Catholic Education Victoria has been emailed to all parents. If you are not on this list, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child(ren) for the remote learning period.

The student free day that was scheduled for next Wednesday, 2nd June, will be moved to Friday, 4th June. No students are to come to school on Friday, 4th June.

A summary has been provided at the end of this letter.

Remote Schooling tasks will be prepared for students by their teachers tomorrow. Details about collection or distribution of these packages will be provided tomorrow.

Please note that if you need to send your child to school on any day or days during the remote schooling period, your child will be supervised whilst undertaking the Remote Schooling program which has been designed by our school. As such, your child will be undertaking the same program as those children learning at home.

In addition, I wish to advise you that your child's teacher will not necessarily be supervising your child on-site, but will continue to support your child through the Remote Schooling program as mentioned above.

I appreciate that this is a very challenging time for all in our community and your cooperation with our Remote Schooling program is very much appreciated.

During this difficult time, we must all take care to support one another. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who may be unwell, and those who are working to keep our community safe.

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If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In closing, I share the following prayer.

When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, correct and not, help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to breathe, and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."
For the doctors, we pray, for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and the aides and the caregivers, we pray,
for the researchers and theorists, the epidemiologists and investigators,
for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected, all around the world...
we pray for safety, for health, for wholeness.
May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and house those
without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone, and may we do all that we can to
heal the sick— in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear.
Help us, O God, that we might help each other.
In the love of the Creator, in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all, we pray.
May it be so.

(Right Rev Richard Bott)

Yours sincerely,



Mr Kingsley Dalgleish
Principal

| Summary | |
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| Friday, 28 th May | Student Free Day Staff preparation day No students are to come to school |
| Monday, 31 st May | Remote schooling |
| Tuesday, 1 st June | Remote schooling |
| Wednesday, 2 nd June | Remote schooling |
| Thursday, 3 rd June | Remote schooling |
| Friday, 4 th June | Student Free Day School review staff meeting (re-scheduled from 2 nd June) No students are to come to school |