

18 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As concerns around COVID-19 continue to escalate, it is natural for members of our school communities to be increasingly concerned about the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and families. Our families should be confident that all the decisions that have been, and will be made, regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our school community is based on the concern and compassion for every person.

There is also significant concern and debate in the community about the closure of schools. Current advice from the Federal government is to keep schools open, however, we continue to support families to make decisions for their child's wellbeing based on their own circumstances.

Our focus is on ensuring that every child in our care is safe, well and is able to continue their learning. Students who are unwell must not attend school. All members of our school community have been educated and continually encouraged to attend to the recommended hygiene practices.

This current position on school closures may need to change in the future in order to contain the spread of COVID-19. We encourage parents to consider the implications that this may have on your family. For example, childcare and access to the internet to continue learning.

You can expect regular and ongoing updates from your child's school, as well as the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Office. This will ensure your family is provided with timely information to support you throughout these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Towns".

Dr Sally Towns  
*Director of Catholic Schools*