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Dear Parents and Families

As a result of the advice from NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian this morning, on **Wednesday 25 March 2020** we will be moving to a blended learning approach for the delivery of education to our students, with an increased focus on online delivery.

Put simply, blended learning is the use of a combination of different methods and tools to deliver education. Our classroom teachers have been delivering learning to students in many ways: in print, face to face, through online tools such as Google Classroom and Moodle for some time and we are confident of our teachers' capacity to continue to deliver quality education for our students. Your child has been learning in a blended learning environment in their classrooms for most of their school years and will be familiar with many of these different tools.

#### **What does this mean for your child?**

The advice today from Premier Gladys Berejiklian is for parents to make the choice regarding children's attendance at school for the remainder of Term 1. We support your choice. Our schools are open for parents who wish and need to have their children attend and receive their learning at school.

The blended learning approach of online delivery will support your decision. Students at home will have the same access to their learning as students who attend school. Students at school will complete the same digital and non-digital learning tasks under the supervision of a staff member.

Our teachers are well prepared for this transition to a blended learning delivery where your child's learning experience is not necessarily located at school. Schools are working to provide parents and children with a combination of digital and non-digital learning options.

Over the coming days and weeks, your school will continue to provide you with information on how the blended learning approach will work for your child and their class. We appreciate your patience while teachers find a rhythm and process that works best for your child. While we recognise that you may be feeling some concern about the prospect of these changes, we believe that as a Catholic community we will work together, caring for one another with understanding and patience as we face the challenges ahead.

Yours sincerely,



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