



Dear parents and guardians,

St John Paul II is committed to providing an ongoing quality education for you child during these challenging times.

Catholic schools have been granted the opportunity to bring forward two professional development days, to ensure students and staff are fully prepared for the delivery of online learning. We will be taking advantage of this opportunity and will use these days to trial an online learning experience, whereby students and staff work remotely from home on Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April – next week. As mentioned in previous correspondence, your child will need a device and access to the internet.

I apologise for the short notice but we believe this is in the best interest for the ongoing education of your child.

The care of each member of our community is paramount and should you require your child to be at school given that you are engaged with essential services, or unable to make arrangements for the care of your child, staff will be available onsite to ensure they are adequately supervised and supported while undertaking online learning.

These are the facts:

- 1) Schools have been directed to remain open at this stage.
- 2) The community is constantly advised that isolation and social distancing are the most effective means to avoiding both contracting and spreading Covid-19.

Please refrain from asking staff, what would you do? Is it safer at school? You have all the information you need to know. Until directed to shut down, schools will continue to operate. Everyone makes a decision based on their own circumstances.

We also recommend that parents use the drop off and pick up procedure as much as possible in order to reduce social contact on school grounds. For those who need to come onto school grounds, particularly parents of Kindy and Pre-Primary students, please adhere to the recommended two-meter distance.

Let's all look after each other at this difficult time.
Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely
Chris Lamb