



St Mary MacKillop College

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24 March 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

I am now sure of one thing: nothing is going to be 'normal' for at least the next two months. As a College we understand why some parents are continuing to send their children to school and others aren't. Given the many decisions that have had to be made, and the situation, thinking we can find a way to educate and assess and still achieve what is expected in 'normal' times is just not possible. Moments like these remind us of the important things, our families and friends, our health and wellbeing. So, as at this moment:

- We are staying open because there is no case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the College
- We are staying open as per the directive from the Australian government
- We are staying open because many families need us to

Should the points above change, we will close.

We have all the assessments completed fairly and validly prior to last week. Since then, we, and all the authorities know and appreciate that any attempt to get assessments now is problematic and probably not valid or fair. Universities know this, and they have told us they are looking at other ways to invite in students.

No-one will expect learning to be achieved at the same rate or level this year. We need to accept this. The additional learning happening right now is, we as a society, can get through this situation, and by supporting each other, we will get through to the other side.

Later today you will receive a communication that will go into greater detail.

Regards,

Frank Norton
PRINCIPAL