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Dear Parents and Carers

Across the College our Week 10 Learning plans are being implemented. Thank you for the feedback we are receiving regarding what is working well and what is less effective. We appreciate that some families have limited internet access often with multiple users and so in our preparation for a Remote Learning Model, are seeking to take that into account also.

The College remains open with a small number of students attending on Campus each day. We are committed to remain open as a support to our Community unless directed otherwise by the Government and health authorities. Both the Federal and State Governments have listed schools as providing an **essential service** and so are exempt from a number of the increased social gathering restrictions announced this week.

We are blessed to have a spacious campus and generous sized classrooms so social distancing is easier to implement.

Current Status

There are **no** reported cases of COVID-19 infection in any of our students, staff or direct contacts. NSW Health has confirmed a case in Armidale.

Updates

- The College remains **open** this week with most staff working onsite.
- **Year 12** and a good number of **Year 11** students are **attending** each day. The scheduled assessment tasks for our ROSA Grades (Years 10, 11 and 12) are required to be completed and submitted as per the dates provided to students.

- **Zoom has been introduced** as a platform to enable meetings and in some cases video conference lessons to be held irrespective of where the participants are located. Parent permission is being sought as set out below.
- **Week 11** is a pupil-free week with staff engaged in professional learning and training in using platforms and programs to enhance remote learning for students.
- **A supervised activity program** will be held for girls in the **Junior School** whose parents are required to work. Please complete the form outlined below if this is a service you will require for your daughter.*

Actions

- Attendance records are being kept for students this week whether on campus or learning remotely. Please ensure you have let the College know if your daughter is learning from home this week if you haven't already done so.
- If your daughter is at home but unable to complete any of her work due to ill health or family reasons, please notify the College as per our usual 'absence' procedure via the [website](#) or emailing the [Junior School](#) or [Senior School](#).
- Complete the [Zoom Parent/Carer Consent Form - Senior School](#) to give permission for your daughter to use Zoom or Google meet as a video conference platform to connect with the College. Some teachers have conducted group trials of this tool already this week.
- To assist with our planning, Junior School families are asked if they will require their daughter to attend the Week 11 supervised activity program. Please indicate your preference on this form - [Zoom Parent/Carer Consent Form & Week 11 Attendance - Junior School](#)*
- Updated information will be provided to all families prior to Easter regarding the planned Remote Learning model to operate across the College from the commencement of Term Two.

Amidst times of change and uncertainty, keeping to usual routines, staying focused and engaged on the things we have control over and injecting humour into the day are important.

Monday morning saw the Senior School 'gather' for our usual Assembly – albeit in a most unusual format. It was an opportunity to trial the Zoom platform, weaving together a pre-recorded video of the prefects processing in, an SRC initiative from Year 8, a message from the Head Prefect Thurkka Jeyakumar from the Year 12 Pastoral Care classroom, as well as our Sport Prefect demonstrating how to juggle

encouraging girls to learn this invaluable skill and send it a video clip to demonstrate their prowess.

A podcast by author Maggie Dent can be [found here](#) which you may find helpful in discussing COVID-19 with your daughters.

Please use the covid-19information@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au address to send through any feedback, questions or information you may have or would like us to consider to assist with future planning.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, enclosed in a light blue rectangular border. The signature appears to read "N. McJannet".