

RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well, as together we move forward in partnership in these uncertain times.

This morning the NSW Premier made the following announcements in regard to NSW schools.

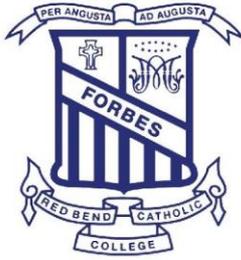
1. Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home rather than attend school.
2. Schools are to remain open so that parents requiring supervision of their children during the school day, especially those working in the provision of essential services, have that option for them to attend school.
3. Educationally, schools will be delivering a single unit of work, which will be online. This is important for teachers in preparing and facilitating learning experiences in single, rather than multiple modes.
4. The timing of the NSW school holidays remain the same.
5. The Premier acknowledged the Health advice of the Chief Medical Officers, in relation to schools, and emphasised these decisions were being taken as a practical application of the health advice. It was noted that across the State last week, approximately 30% of parents had decided to keep their children at home from school.
6. The Premier indicated the actions of the NSW Government have been taken in order to provide greater certainty for all citizens.

Parents and carers are encouraged to keep your child/children at home. However, the College and the Boarding School will remain open, though we strongly encourage our students from remote and/or isolated areas to return home and continue learning online.

For students who attend the College each day, supervision and support for learning will be provided.

The College has been working over recent weeks to plan for online learning via Google Classroom and Google Meets. While at home the students will be able to engage in online learning with their teachers. The transition to online learning will be fully operational from Wednesday 25 March 2020.

More information and support documentation for online learning will be sent to you and the students in the near future. This will help support online learning from home and assist in practicalities and support networks.



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The health and wellbeing of our students while learning at the College or online continues to be a priority for us. Structures will be developed to check in with the students ensuring they feel supported, connected and functioning as online learners.

Please ensure that your child/children check their emails and connect with Google classroom daily.

We have encouraged the students today to take home their books in the event that you make the decision to keep them at home.

Please email absent@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au if you make the decision to keep your child/children at home to continue their learning.

We will endeavour to keep you regularly informed as we work in partnership for the education of your child/children and the children in our care.

As a Catholic Marist community, our *Family Spirit* serves us well as we support one another and pray for one another. May Mary our Good Mother and St Marcellin Champagnat continue to watch over our community.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Dwyer
Principal