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Dear Parents and Carers

In line with the announcement from the State Government yesterday Loreto will be returning to remote learning for all students across all year levels commencing on Wednesday 5 August until Friday 11 September. Tomorrow (Tuesday 4 August) will be a student free day.

The move to remote learning for a second time can make everyone feel unsettled. I was disappointed to hear the news but feel lucky to have had the students at the College for the past three weeks. It has given me some insight into who they are and what a strong and supportive community we have. The staff and students responded well to the previous challenges of remote learning and we will find a way through it and continue to focus on the opportunities it presents.

Arrangements for schooling will be much the same as during the previous period of remote learning.

Please note the following:

- All students must learn from home unless there is a valid reason for them not to do so. Such reasons include specific wellbeing needs, lack of internet provision or parents/carers who are essential services workers. Students in these categories are able to attend school where they will be supervised as they undertake remote learning. If a student will be attending school from Wednesday we must be notified via a Google form link (<https://forms.gle/Xu6k1ZEPohepYFWg9>).
- The Google form will cover two weeks at a time and can be revisited if conditions for families change. Specific guidelines for students working remotely onsite will also be communicated to families to ensure students are adequately prepared for attendance.
- Teachers will offer a mix of 'real time' learning (teacher is on-line with the class), and 'anytime' learning (teacher sets work which can be completed anytime by the student).
- Music/singing/speech and drama tuition will return to remote tuition from Wednesday
- The General Achievement Test (GAT) for Unit 3/4 students has moved to Term 4. According to the information we received today, Year 12 students will finish VCE exams by 2 December and will receive ATAR scores by the end of the year.

Please be assured that we will continue to do all that we can to assist each student's learning and wellbeing during the next six weeks.

On behalf of all the staff at Loreto we wish you and your family every blessing during this difficult period.

Yours sincerely



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