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START of SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we head into the back end of our five-day lockdown due to COVID-19, we wanted to check-in that all our St Columba's School families are traveling okay. We will also give a brief update on some key information. Please note, this information is changing daily, however we thought it important to give a sense of what we are planning for at this stage. What we inform you of at the moment could change by Friday afternoon/evening when Premier Mark McGowan will give the next directives regarding the opening of our schools.

Our Plan:

1. Staff are planning for schools to be open for face-to-face classroom teaching. Previous correspondence to parents at the end of last week outlined what is in place for the start of the school year.
2. In preparation for schools remaining closed, staff have planned activities for student learning to commence at home. This will be kept to a minimum next week to ensure a smooth transition for our students, parents and staff. These activities will be communicated through Seesaw.
3. While staff will continue preparation of an on-line program this week, we are expecting to be back face to face on Monday 8 February. If on-line learning is set, we will communicate our plan on the weekend.
4. At this stage we are planning to open our OSHC on Monday 8 February. If schools are open, we will operate as normal with bookings for before and after school care. If schools are closed, we will be open for 'essential workers' as set up in 2020. Again, we are planning for the two scenarios at present. We will have an update for parents on Thursday morning, tomorrow.
5. Events such as the Parent Information Nights and the Year 6 Leadership Presentation Mass are postponed until further notice. All events are on hold.

With the uncertainty of what will be in place for next week, we thank you for your continued support and understanding. We look forward to seeing everyone back next week.

Warmest regards

Art Lombardi
Principal