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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a most unusual Term 2. Much has transpired over the holidays with regards to schooling in NSW for Term 2. We have been working throughout the holiday period to respond to the various announcements as they come through.

As of today, I can tell you this is where we are currently at:

1. Sydney Catholic Schools has directed that Monday 27th April and Tuesday 28th April will now be pupil free days. **School will begin remotely on Wednesday 29th April.**
2. All students will continue their learning from home. The College is open from Wednesday 29th April for any student who requires care and/or supervision.
3. The College is working on a plan to stagger a return to face-to-face teaching; we will communicate with you by Week 2 the roster for this staggered return. The plan developed must ensure any return to school is safe for our boys and staff. Our current building work means we have less space than most other schools and we need to manage this carefully.
4. Year 12 students with major works to complete are reminded to contact their teacher should they wish to arrange a time to come in and work on their project.
5. Throughout the term, the College will continue to offer only one mode of teaching to students. Students will receive face-to-face teaching on their scheduled day at school with their subject teachers for that day. For the rest of their lessons that week, they will continue their learning remotely as directed by their subject teachers.
6. Parents now have access to their son's learning on our **CanvasLMS** - see below for details on how to sign up as a viewer. I recommend that parents do this, as it empowers you with information to which a valuable conversation can begin with your son about what he is doing in each subject.

Remote Learning Guidelines

Students' are reminded of the remote learning routine established at the end of Term 1. The first thing our boys should do on Wednesday morning (Day 3) is register their attendance for Tutor Group, check their Sentral daily notices and then move, virtually, to Period 1. Here they will register their attendance and begin their lesson as directed by their teacher. This process continues throughout the day for all lessons.



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Parent CanvasLMS Access

The majority of subjects are now up and running on **Canvas**, the College's **Learning Management System**. We are now able to offer **parent access** to **Canvas** as 'viewers'. When you sign up to be a 'viewer' you will have access to all your son's classes and the work he is doing, including any announcements, assignments, homework etc... that are sent out to him.

Parents access Canvas via this link: <https://sydneycs.instructure.com/login/canvas>

You will be asked to log in with an email address and password. Please use the email that you have provided the College with and use for all school communications; if you use a different one, you will not be able to login.

The default password follows a pattern for all accounts. The pattern is: canvas2022xx

Where xx is the first letter of your first name and the first letter of your surname (lower case).

Example:

Name: Johnathan Smith

Email: johnathan.smith@myemail.com

Login: johnathan.smith@myemail.com

Password: canvas2022js

Please change your Canvas password immediately after you sign in. It is important to update your password and remember it.

Parents can also download the *Canvas Parent app* via the App store on your Android or iPhone device. When prompted, add *Marist College North Shore (Parent)* and login with your email and password you set.

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INSTRUCTURE

If you are having any issues accessing your Canvas account, please email ict@maristns.catholic.edu.au and one of our ICT Officers will help you.



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Term 2 Wellbeing Initiatives

The initiatives communicated at the end of last term around wellbeing will remain in place, albeit slightly changed. These include:

- **The Introduction of a Mind, Body and Spirit program.** Students and parents will be sent weekly wellbeing information for that week based on one of our 5 key areas as outlined in Term 1.
- **Remote Spirit Cup.** The Student Leadership Team will be running various activities throughout the term to engage our boys in the community and give them a chance to increase their House Points. Stay tuned for information from Aiden Brennan, our College Captain.
- **Wednesday Day 8: Staff & Student Wellbeing Day.** This day will continue throughout the term for students who do not have face-to-face lessons at school on Day 8. If students are rostered to come to school on Day 8, they will have their normal Day 8 lessons.

Compass - Parent Portal (Important)

All parents will, over the next week, receive a letter in the mail with a username and password to access the College's new *Compass Student Information System - Parent Portal*. All SCS schools are moving away from Sentral and onto Compass, and this letter is an important next step in our move to Compass.

It is vital that all parents access the parent portal, as moving forward into Term 2, this will be the only way you receive communication from the College. Student academic reports will no longer be printed and will only be accessible via the Compass Parent Portal. Attendance (absences, appointments) will also be managed through the Compass App.

Parents can also download the Compass App on their Android and iPhone. If you have any issues with signing up to the parent portal, please visit www.compass.education/support/support-centre

Message from the North Sydney Education Network

I have attached to this email a message from the North Sydney Network Chief Executive - Barbara Watkins.

As always, we are committed to the learning, welfare and wellbeing of our students. The partnership between the College and home is so important. We will continue to update you as soon as we have any new information and we look forward to seeing our boys begin their return to the school site this Term.

Yours sincerely,

Brigid Taylor
Acting Principal