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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have reached the end of a second week of online teaching and learning. It has certainly been a challenging couple of weeks where we have all been required to move a little out of our comfort zones, but at the end of week 2 it is heartening to see such a positive response from our students.

The students deserve great credit and thanks for the impressive efforts they have made to engage with their live online classes. We have been encouraged by the high rates of attendance in all classes. Participating in these live classes is most certainly the best way to navigate the weeks of school closure in a productive and meaningful way, and with the minimum amount of interruption to both education and wellbeing.

Thanks are due to you the parents for the support and encouragement you have given your sons. We know that remote teaching and learning is challenging for parents as well as students and we do appreciate the accommodations and inconveniences parents are managing over these weeks.

While we have had a successful two weeks, we are keenly aware that online teaching and learning and a remote school environment, is always second best to being actually physically present in school. It does not work well for everyone and some find it more difficult than others. We learned from last year's closure that we need to be realistic in terms of our expectations and to set goals and targets which can be reached without causing undue pressure. These are testing and trying days for many in our school community and we continue to request that parents keep in contact with us with any concerns.

I would like to thank our teaching staff and SNA's who have had to adapt and modify their usual routines and who have as always kept the needs of our students as the primary motivation.

Wishing all our school community a safe and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Anne O'Callaghan
Principal