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COVID-19 Update #3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to commend staff for their commitment to the continuation of learning as we navigate this uncertain time. We are working very hard to prepare for the continuation of learning in the event of a government directed shutdown, be it this week, next week or in the future.

School is still open and teachers have been instructed to continue with teaching and assessing regardless of how many students are in attendance. It is important that we continue with a sense of normalcy and routine for as long as possible.

If parents have decided to keep children at home the government has now released resources that you can access from home. Please visit: <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/learning-at-home>

Years 11 and 12

Due to the diversity of the Year 11 and 12 curriculum, our teachers will need to differentiate the learning for each class. Teachers will look to provide work via email and class note book (OneNote).

As it will be more difficult to supply work in the practical subjects such as applied subjects and certificate courses most of the focus will be on theoretical components.

All Year 11 & 12 teaching staff are being supported today and tomorrow to familiarise themselves with the use of OneNote to facilitate distance learning. This will only come into effect if we are instructed to close.

P – Year 10 Educational Packs – School Closure Only

In the event that the school is instructed to close, we will have hardcopy educational packs that will be sent home with students or made available for parents to collect from school. These resources are being printed off and compiled over the next 48 hours. The subjects will be English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities.

These resources will only be available in the event of a school closure. Please access the resources for learning at home via the link above if you are keeping your child at home at this stage.

NAPLAN 2020 Cancelled

Last Friday morning, Australian Education Ministers agreed that NAPLAN will not proceed this year. This decision was made in recognition of the disruption being created by COVID-19 to school routines and to



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enable teachers to continue their focus on student learning and wellbeing. NAPLAN Online practice tests that were to occur at Kuranda District State College in the coming weeks will no longer proceed.

Increased Allocations for School Cleaning

To assist with the sanitising of school facilities, the Government has approved a temporary increase in cleaning time allocated to state schools. We have already employed someone who started today and they will work during the day in between the usual cleaning periods. This action is being taken to allow for even greater attention and frequency to cleaning activity in schools, particularly the high touch points around classrooms and amenities blocks.

Kind regards

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