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April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear parents and carers,

**Re: Provision of Devices for Transitioning to Flexible and Remote Learning Term 2, 2020**

As I mentioned in my letter to you on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, work had begun to identify students who do not have access to digital technologies at home whether it was a device or the lack of internet access. Thank you to all of you who have contacted the college to notify us of your requirements, as well as for your patience while we work through the requests.

As I mentioned in my last letter, we are endeavouring our absolute best to support all our students. As a result of your responses we have already (or are in the process) of helping all students of year 9 to 12 by loaning them a laptop which the college already had. Unfortunately, at the moment we do not have enough laptops for our Year 7 and 8 students who have requested one. We are now awaiting laptops/internet that the Department of Education and Training (DET), and the Premier, have announced as part of the additional resources to those who require support. As yet unfortunately these have not arrived, and we are also unsure as to when they will arrive. We do not have a solution as yet for those with no internet, as we await internet dongles to arrive from the DET that will solve this problem.

At this stage our intention is to support those students in Year 7 & 8 with no device/internet and Year 9 to 12 without internet, by providing paper hard copies through the mail of the work given by teachers. If you haven't received work in the mail as yet this should arrive early next week.

This is clearly going to be a challenging time for all of us. It's going to be critically important that we work very closely together to ensure that we provide the very best possible support for the ongoing wellbeing and learning of our students and your children.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

John Mitsinikos

College Principal