



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

From the Principal  
**Mr John Couani**

24 March 2020

Dear parents and students

I begin today's correspondence to you with the comforting words from today's reading.

*God is our refuge and our strength,  
An ever-present help in distress.*

Psalm 46:2

Today, Tuesday 24 March, the College operated from the usual school timetable with an attendance rate of 36% of students and with the remaining 64% accessing online learning from home. I sincerely appreciate and offer my thanks to all the staff for their work in maintaining the learning program for students. I again thank the students and parents for their excellent efforts in assisting and cooperating with these newly adopted learning procedures.

I wish to clarify further details that will assist over the remainder of Term 1.

### Wednesday 25 March

A reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday 25 March is a Staff Development Day. There will be supervision available if parents need to send their son/s. If you intend to send your son tomorrow (Wednesday 25 March), please complete the following link.

[https://spxchatswood.formstack.com/forms/non\\_teaching\\_day\\_attendance\\_mar2020](https://spxchatswood.formstack.com/forms/non_teaching_day_attendance_mar2020)

### Thursday 26 March

The College's Online Learning Program will be in full operation.

**There will be only one mode of learning whether your son is at home or at school.** All students will work online. Students who are at school will be supervised by a staff whilst they complete their assigned work online.

### Attendance

Some students and parents are concerned that choosing to keep your son at home will compromise his attendance record. These are unprecedented times and the fact that a student is learning from home will not affect his record of attendance.

**If you intend to keep your son at home for the remainder of this term, could you please reply to the email from the College that will come to you today from:**

[studentmanagement@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au](mailto:studentmanagement@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au) notifying us of his absence as follows:

*My son will be at home until the end of Term 1*

Son's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

This will assist you by not having to contact the College or updating your son's attendance daily for the remainder of Term One.

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## **Year 12**

The concerns which Year 12 students and their parents have for their HSC year are very real and understandable. I will be corresponding with Year 12 students and parents in a separate correspondence in the next day or so. My understanding is that NESA is holding significant meetings today. I will continue to communicate any developments or decisions about the HSC as they become known. Year 12 students are continuing to work on their studies, and I am very pleased with their attitude and dedication. At St Pius X College we understand the challenges that you are facing and I thank Ms Janes and all the Year 12 teachers who have asked me to communicate their support and that they want you to know that they are here to support you.

## **Continuing Correspondence**

I will continue to communicate with you each day to keep you informed and I appreciate your patience. We seek to provide you with the most up to date information and response that we can. Yesterday I received the attached letter from Dr Wayne Tinsey, Executive Director, Edmund Rice Education Australia. On Wednesday 25 March, please access Woodchatta for my usual correspondence.

It is certainly my prayer for each and every one of you and your families that you keep safe and well and know of the College's support and concern for you and them at this most difficult time. Please do not hesitate to make contact with me or the College staff if there is anything we can do to further support you.

**Live Jesus In Our hearts ..... Forever,**

Yours sincerely



John Couani  
Principal