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Dear Families,

We are excited to be able to present some information about our **Thomas More College Connected Learning Model** which we will launch in Term 2.

The State Government has announced today all schools in SA will start Easter Holidays (for students) at end of Week 10. For all students, this means that school will now finish on **Friday, 3 April**. Schools have been given time to plan and prepare for a transition to new ways that school communities will engage in learning in Term 2.

This is an opportunity to take some innovative and exciting steps in order to continue learning at Thomas More College. We don't want to just transition to 'online learning', but rather work in new, different and exciting ways that help **connect** your daughters and sons to what Thomas More College can offer.

Staying **connected**, and developing **connected** learners, are key and named elements of both our College Wellbeing Values and Learning Behaviours (see reverse). In a time where society is finding it difficult to be together, **connection** is at the forefront of our minds as we move forward with our brand of education at Thomas More College. To maintain **connected** learners and students, we wish to maximise this unique opportunity to explore, plan, collaborate and prepare high quality teaching and learning experiences for Term 2 and beyond.

In Week 10 we would then like to take Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to have teaching staff working together towards this aim. This means that from Wednesday next week, the measures put in place for students who are currently choosing to work at home will extend to all students, including those on site. Staff will be here to supervise a mix of classes and work with students in groups who are at school. This will provide teachers with time to collaborate and refine our **Connected Learning** provisions. Please note that school is still open in Week 10 and students who are at school will engage in learning.

We are very excited about what the possibilities of a **TMC Connected Learning Model** will present. We will work together to make our offering unique and specific to TMC. As part of our regular communication with you, we will share detailed information about this model in Week 11.

Fee Remission

Amongst all the worries that we have at this time, worrying about the payment of school fees should not be one of those things. Please be assured of our support for your family. If your family has lost significant income due to COVID-19 you will receive a total school fee remission effective immediately, initially for a period of 3 months. We will continue to review the fee situation for individual families and the school. Further information will be released early next week.

We look forward to continuing to work as leaders, and in partnership with you, in the education of your sons and daughters. Should you feel that you want to discuss any element of this, please contact me at the school.

Thanks, and take care,

Corey Tavella
Principal

OUR STUDENTS

RESPECT

SERVE

ACT WITH INTEGRITY

PERSIST

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

CONNECT

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AS LEARNERS

... we are literate and numerate, we are confident and careful creators and users of ICT. We are:

FLEXIBLE THINKERS
Flexible Thinkers can:
► Think critically
► Think creatively
► Be adaptable
► Solve problems
► Apply our knowledge and understanding and transfer knowledge to different contexts

DRIVEN
Driven learners can:
► Be courageous
► Ignore our passions
► Take risks in learning
► Strive for excellence
► See failure as an opportunity for growth
► Be entrepreneurial
► Identify our own learning goals

CURIOS
Curious learners can:
► Be inquisitive
► Be innovators
► Explore new solutions
► Initiate our own learning

DISCIPLINED
Disciplined learners can:
► Persist
► Be organised
► Be self-motivated
► Be self-aware
► Be responsible
► Be reflective

COLLABORATORS
Collaborative learners can:
► Understand self and others
► Be respectful and listen
► Negotiate
► Resolve conflict
► Effectively communicate ideas
► Work with other people's strengths and weaknesses
► Work with a range of people to achieve a task

CONNECTED
Connected Learners can:
► Be globally minded
► Be culturally aware
► Be empathetic
► Be big-picture minded
► Be ecologically aware

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