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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students of Thomas More College,

We are looking forward to Term 2 starting on Monday April 27. Yesterday I wrote to you advising that, for at least Week 1 of Term 2, **all Thomas More Students will access their learning via our Connected Learning Model (CLM), whether they are at home or at school.** I write today with some updated details as to what this will look like, and with some visuals as to what the school day will look like both at home and at school.

Supervision Model

For Week 1:

- all TMC students will access their learning in CLM mode, whether they are at home or at school (guides for these for both *learning from school* and *learning from home* are attached).
- Students who do attend will, unless exceptional circumstances present, attend their timetabled classroom with their timetabled teacher, although they will still access the same CLM work as their peers who are home.

In light of the rapidly changing advice, no student should be advantaged or disadvantaged due to their decision to either attend school or learn remotely at home. While some of the students will be in the classroom, we are not at a return to 'face to face/in school' teaching yet. Lessons will be conducted through:

- **content** being provided online;
- for students learning at home, **help** being provided online (via LMS Social Stream);
- for students learning at school, **help** being provided to students in class.

As you can appreciate, this situation continues to change, and we are responding appropriately through being mindful of your children's learning and our staff's work. We have made these arrangements for Week 1 and will continue to monitor the situation, make decisions and communicate these throughout next week. I would ask for your continued support and patience here, noting that we left school at the end of last term preparing to operate in one way, with conditions suggesting that this now may change. Our Leaders and Teachers continue to be agile in their responses to and preparation for Term 2. Thank you for your support so far; as your Principal I feel affirmed by the trust you continue to place in us as the educators of your children.

Additional Details

A few other notes as we start next week:

- We have increased our health and hygiene and social distancing practices in a variety of ways across the school in preparation for students returning, including increased levels of cleaning. We will expect that any students returning to school are mindful of this and proactive in their roles within their own health and hygiene and social distancing practices.
- The canteen will be open for lunch and recess food; however, for the protection of your children and canteen staff, I would strongly encourage you to make food orders online. The menu and



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process for this is both [online](#) and attached. This will streamline collecting food; we have set up social distancing rules for canteen lines.

- The school bus will operate as usual from Monday.

We can't wait to connect with students again either at home or at school. As I finish, some of our teachers appeared on the national stage this week as part of the [ABC's 7:30 program](#). Please watch out for some of our Science team at 1:47.

Thanks and take care,

Corey Tavella
Principal