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Dear Families,

I hope your sons and daughters have had a chance to enjoy the holiday break over the last two weeks.

The purpose of this email is to briefly outline arrangements for the start of school on Monday, 27 April. Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) have stated that during the first week of Term 2, CESA schools will deliver one mode of learning - online learning - for all students, whether they remain at home or attend school. For Thomas More College, this is through our **Connected Learning Model**.

Through our detailed preparation, we have been ready to work under our Connected Learning Model for Term 2, which respects the current advice that the same opportunity to learn can occur at home and at school. Teachers spent the last week of Term 1 preparing to work in this Model with a variety of exciting learning opportunities.

As you may have seen from the Premier's announcement yesterday, and the open letter to parents from Chief Public Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier on 22 April, schools in South Australia are to remain open for Term 2 while also respecting parent discretion to keep children home.

Given how rapidly the situations in schools is developing, in wanting to help you and the students prepare for Term 2 we are making key decisions for our learning community. I will write in further detail tomorrow, but at this stage I wish to advise that, for at least Week 1 of Term 2, **all Thomas More Students will access their learning via our Connected Learning Model, whether they are at home or at school.**

For this week, no student should be advantaged or disadvantaged due to their decision to either attend school or learn at home.

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Corey Tavella
Principal