

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, all schools are now closed to prevent the spread of Covid 19 within the community. There are exceptions for those children of people working in essential services (GP, doctors, pharmacists, nurses, supermarket staff, service station employees, couriers and other frontline essential services).

All schools will be closed entirely from midnight Wednesday.

Tomorrow, between 11:00am and 3:00pm, St Thomas's School will be open for **one** person from each family to collect learning packs for the next week. This applies to all year levels. These packs will include 'How you can help your child at home', a list of online resources and other activities as well as reading material. Part of this learning pack (excluding readers and library books) will also be sent home electronically. The year 7 & 8 students already have access to e-books and visited the library today.

What to do Tomorrow:

1. Go straight to your child's home room. Do not come to the front office area.
2. There will be instructions on each home room door as to where to collect learning packs.
3. Collect one learning pack for your child. To minimise inter-personal interaction, packs will be in piles in the designated area.
4. Please bring a bag to put these into.

Further Communication

Each year we set academic achievement targets for our students. Now we need to set care and loving targets for all in our community. We are all in this together and we will get through these difficult times. St Thomas's School staff will do their best to support your child in their learning over the coming weeks and will be here to embrace your family when you return.

Kia Kaha,

Michael

Later tomorrow we will communicate with our parent community regarding learning support going forward.