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Dear Emmaus families,

As you would now know, the COVID-19 is changing the way we do things at work, school and home. Catholic Education SA (CESA) is working closely with SA Health to maintain health and safety of CESA students and slow the spread of the COVID-19. There continues to be new advice for schools daily. All schools, regardless of student numbers, have been asked to critically evaluate the need to hold additional events and activities.

I am able to communicate the following information, applicable to the Emmaus community:

- Extra-curricula school sports have been cancelled until further notice training and games.
- School banking cancelled, until further notice.
- Principal Tour, cancelled until further notice.
- Assemblies, cancelled until further notice.
- Bread and Rice day, cancelled (stay tuned for an email from Paul Mensforth regarding alternative arrangements).
- Special lunches, cancelled until further notice
- Instrumental lessons and ensembles taught by outside tutors, cancelled on the basis of tutor connections across multiple sites and for social distancing reasons.
- Excursions, cancelled
- Holy Week presentations, cancelled
- JP Community Prayer, cancelled until further notice
- Volunteers are asked not to come in for the remainder of the term.

While we await further advice, the following activities are pending:

- Learning conferences going ahead at this stage, cognizant of social distancing and appropriate hygiene measures
- Quiz Night
- Year 4/5 camp

To stay informed of the changing situation we find ourselves in, we recommend families use these two sources for CESA updates:

The CESA website Alerts page - <u>https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts</u> The CESA facebook page - <u>https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationSA/</u>

I will continue to keep the Emmaus community abreast of new developments affecting our school, using email as all families have access to this platform. Email updates will be numbered to avoid confusion. This is update #1.

In the meantime, I appreciate everything you are doing to keep our school environment and community members safe.

Kind regards,

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Catherine Gurr Principal

16th March 2020

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