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Dear Students,

I hope you are all well and enjoying your extended school holidays, albeit under different circumstances.

This week the college staff have been working busily preparing resources and upskilling in online digital platforms in the event of a possible school closure at the start of term 2. In the event of a school closure, the following processes will be implemented to assist student safety and wellbeing.

Wellbeing

The college wellbeing team has developed a digital booklet (attached) to offer you and your parents wellbeing support through the COVID-19 pandemic.

I strongly encourage you to read through the attached booklet which contains helpful information on;

- Healthy practices – healthy body and mind
- Coping strategies for students that experience anxiety
- How to stay safe online and positive digital citizenship
- Recommended wellbeing apps
- Parenting support
- External support agencies and people that you can contact for assistance

Students and parents are welcome to email wellbeing@sjcnda.vic.edu.au for support during the school closure period.

At commencement of term 2, students that currently access wellbeing support will be contacted by their counsellor to determine the students preferred method of communication – phone, zoom, email. Students that would like to access wellbeing support for the first time, or who have not accessed wellbeing support recently are welcome and encouraged to contact wellbeing via email. The wellbeing team is prepared and eager to support you through this uncertain period.

Uniform

You will be required to wear your full winter college uniform. The purpose of this is to ensure that classroom learning whilst in the home environment, is consistent with classroom learning at school. By wearing the uniform, it is hoped that you will be in the mindset where they are ready and eager to learn. Families will be notified of uniform infringements via SMS as per the college uniform policy.

Attendance

Normal college attendance requirements will apply. You will be required to sign into SIMON forum at the beginning of each lesson. This will be used by your teachers to complete the attendance roll. An SMS will be sent to families for all lessons where there is an unexplained student absence.

Homeroom and Pastoral Care Group teachers will be monitoring student attendance daily and will be communicating with families if attendance or truancy concerns arise.

Engagement and behaviour

The same high expectations in terms of classroom engagement and behaviour will be in place for online learning. A behaviour management process will be in place in rare occasions when poor student behaviour disrupts the learning of other students. In the event of continued behaviour concerns, students will be required to complete a home online reflection. This process will involve email and phone communication and collaboration with the student, parent, classroom teacher, Homeroom teacher and House leader.

Normal expectations will continue to apply for mobile phones, smartwatches and eating in class.

I wish you and your families all the best for the school holidays and Easter period, and look forward to seeing you safe and well next term.

Thank you

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