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## EDITORIAL

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of our second week of remote learning, I think it is fair to say we have all been on a huge learning curve.

### **First Two Weeks Learnings**

Some of the things we tried, we just got right the first time but many others were seemingly good ideas that then needed to be improved or changed. The lack of our normal rhythm has put all of us in a new space that requires us to be constantly thinking about what to do next, how to do that and sometimes troubleshoot. That uses so much more energy than the old normal.

The College is very aware that it is not normal to have parents working from home and also supervising their children's learning. Or having teachers working from home developing new courses and resources, supervising their children and teaching while also being rostered on to supervise the children of essential workers who are attending school.

The College is trying to maintain a routine as much as possible, which is good for mental health. We are aiming to set a solid standard of work but that is tempered with lots of grace and understanding of individual situations.

My message to students, parents and staff is: It's OK to be tired. It's OK not to know how to do everything. It's OK not to get it all done exactly right. It's OK to review what we are doing and to change it so it works better for your family's situation.

### **Anzac Day**

As we approach our day when we remember the sacrifice of our servicemen and women we also remember how hard it was for those left at home during the two World Wars. While it may not have been life-threatening as it was at the front it was still a very tough time for those Australians at home. However, we got through it, together, as we will this pandemic and lockdown, together. God offers us the certainty of hope and the ability to put others first even in the darkest times.

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Wednesday 29 April. There will be no lessons on this day.

As you know these will be conducted by phone this time and we want to help you work out the best way to navigate this period together.

## **Remote Learning Handbook**

The PVCC Remote Learning Handbook, Remote Learning Principles and the Remote Learning Plan for Primary are now published on Seqta Documents, search “Remote”. You can also find these documents on the [College website](#). These may help direct and answer questions.

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