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Dear Parents,

I am writing to tell you that I do not have anything definitive to tell you at the moment.

The expected announcement this morning, which was to include changes for education, from the Premier did not materialise but he did say that the announcement was close. I imagine that means this week. After the next announcement I will write to unpack any implications for Plenty Valley Christian College.

There were hints this morning that 1 June has become the change point for education. Mr Andrews said a number of times, “if we can work from home then we should work from home” for the rest of May. Plenty Valley Christian College intends to follow advice from the Chief Health Officer and the Victorian government and so it seems we are committed to Remote Education for at least the next three weeks.

During that time, we will continue planning for “the return”. Medical evidence seems to support the claims that children are less prone to being infected and also from transmitting the virus, although both can still happen. So, while the College is planning for a modified Hygiene and Distancing protocol for the children, we are paying special attention to the adults on site. That is mainly staff and parents.

There will be changes to the Drop Off and Pick Up processes. The end of College times may be adjusted for different groups to ensure there is no congregation of adults in close proximity to each other. We are also very aware that this time will have had some significant emotional effects on quite a few of our students, so we are giving consideration to the timing and the way students return to school.

Please know that the wellbeing of our students, parents and staff are of great importance to us and in the forefront of our discussions. The College will continue to work hard to support all our community members as it can.

I will write again when we know more.

Yours in Christ’s Service

John Metcalfe
Principal