



# From the Director

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Catherine McAuley College

I write to extend to you my sincere thanks for the manner in which you and your children have met the challenges presented to education by the Coronavirus and to commend you upon the support you have given to your school's leadership and staff.

This has been a strange time, but one that is also unsettling. The education of our young is a very high priority for us all. They are the future of our nation. They deserve the best we can possibly give them. I am very much aware that Catherine McAuley College continues to deliver quality learning during this period, even in these difficult circumstances. Your support of the Principal and Staff is crucially important as we move through this period of remote learning.

The Victorian Government has declared a State of Emergency. Under the State of Emergency, students are required to learn from home. This remains in place until May 11. Sandhurst Catholic primary and secondary schools, including Catherine McAuley College, will adhere to this requirement until Victorian Premier Dan Andrews and Minister for Education & Training James Merlino announce it is safe for children and staff to return to formal classes at school.

I understand that this is not ideal and that for some, it comes with some serious challenges. However, we have worked together thus far to ensure we have been able to limit the transmission of the Coronavirus and the State medical authorities believe we could be undermining these achievements by lifting the restrictions too soon. The health of every child and those who work with them at the school must be our paramount concern.

I urge you to continue to work closely with the teachers of Catherine McAuley College for the best outcomes for your child. Please know you may always contact the Principal, Catherine McAuley College if you have any issues which are impacting negatively upon you or your child.

Again, my sincere thanks for all you have done to support Catherine McAuley College provide the best for your child.

Yours Sincerely

**PAUL DESMOND**

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