



Dear Parents/Caregivers of students in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton

Semester One, 2020 has been an historic educational period that we are unlikely to forget. During the semester, our partnership with you has been of critical importance and our co-responsibility for each student's learning has resulted in a continuation of engagement and progress.

Together, we focused on ensuring that every student could stay connected, completed worthwhile and curriculum-aligned tasks, received feedback on tasks, and enjoyed learning. Our school principals have spoken to me of their joy at welcoming students back to school after weeks of *learning from home* and I am sure parents and students across our diocese, state and nation feel the same joy!

Terms 1 and 2, 2020 witnessed significant disruptions to teaching and learning, and in a curriculum sense there were necessary modifications of time allocations and subjects studied. As a result, the usual practices for academic reporting have been adjusted for Semester 1, 2020 to reflect the changed nature of learning over this time.

Your school Principal has provided detail about any specific adjustments to your school's usual reporting process. These changes may be reflected in the subjects that are reported, comments, references to effort and social behaviours, the timeline for issuing reports, and arrangements for parent/teacher interviews.

In keeping with advice from the Queensland State Government, attendance will not be included in reports for this semester.

While the report reflects an on-balance judgement about the quality of student learning based on evidence collected during the reporting period, we acknowledge that these judgements are based on limited assessment opportunities and are therefore indicative in nature.

We certainly hope and pray that an uninterrupted Semester Two will witness a smooth transition back to our effective learning routines and reporting processes.

If you need to discuss any aspect of your child's personal or academic progress, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Catholic school staff for their commitment over these past few months in support of student learning. Also thank you most sincerely for the wonderful commitment you always make to your child's education, demonstrated in a special way over the past three months, whether your child was learning at home or at school.

Our school leaders and teachers look forward to working with you as we continue to offer a rich and life-giving education for your children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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