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COMMUNITY STATEMENT

Earlier today, the South Australian government announced that the last day of Term 1 for students in South Australian schools will be Friday 3rd April. This information has been endorsed by Catholic Education SA.

Blackfriars is following this advice and will apply it to both our Early Learning Centre and Out of School Hours Care service also. As previously advised, Vacation Care services will not be offered during this upcoming school holiday break.

Our scheduled plans for Online Learning Test Days tomorrow, Friday 27th and Monday 30th March, will go ahead as planned.

“These Online Learning Test Days remain absolutely vital for us and I seek the support of parents to ensure that all students are engaged in learning on these days as per yesterday’s video message and previous written communication,” says Principal Simon Cobiac.

Blackfriars is open for students next week from Tuesday, 31st March, through to Friday 3rd April. Parents can continue to make the choice as to whether your children attend school in person or engage in school from home.

“I want to emphasise that Blackfriars is absolutely committed to support every student and family through COVID-19 and beyond,” says Mr Cobiac.

“Please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible if you have lost significant income during this economic shutdown,” he says.

The Blackfriars Board is meeting next Thursday to discuss fee remissions available to families who have already or expect to experience loss of income. Further information about this will be available after Thursday’s meeting.

Mr Cobiac wishes to share his gratitude to all members of the Blackfriars community.

“I sincerely thank you for your commitment to Blackfriars and for working cooperatively with us through this difficult and uncertain time. Together we can work to ensure that every student has the best care and learning opportunities during 2020,”

“As a faith community, in such times as now, we turn to our trust in God, asking Him to sustain all members of our Dominican family in health and wellbeing.”

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