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As you will be well aware with the Federal Government decisions in the last few days the situation with our COVID-19 response is changing but I want to provide some clear direction to our school community. This advice is based on information and direction from Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton, State and Commonwealth health authorities, and our overall concern for our school community.

Every effort is being put in place to promote strict hygiene practices. This is about ensuring students receive constant reminders and opportunities regarding handwashing, use of sanitisers and sneezing protocols. Our resources and cleaning practices have also been updated. Social distancing has been promoted where possible. We have talked to students about this and have been referring to it as their 'personal space bubble'.

Our most recent advice from Queensland Health and Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton, is that broad scale school closures at this time may have limited effectiveness. We will continue to be in contact regarding this matter if changing circumstances arise.

Teaching and learning in our classrooms will main our core business. Teachers have been keeping parents up to date via Seesaw, so please keep your eye on these messages and learning developments.

Students who display cold or flu-like symptoms should be at home, resting and recuperating. Please make sure you contact the School Office if your child is sick and absent from school.

All these measures promote safe practices for our school community and should have the effect of lessening the spread of the virus through our community. Our challenge is to implement these measures with minimal disruption to school operations, keeping the well-being of staff and students foremost in our decisions and actions.

I would like to thank the parents in our school community, being extremely supportive and affirming of the actions taken in our school. I have spoken to a number of parents this week congratulating the school on the calm and informative approach to this pandemic.

Finally, at this most challenging time we hold all those responding to this health crisis in our thoughts and prayers. I thank you for continued support of our school and the decisions in which we make each day.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Watt'. Below the signature is the printed name 'Mrs Kathleen Watt'.

Principal