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**HAMILTON**  
AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE  
CONFIDENT FUTURES

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Dear Junior School Parents,

I write to update you on developments in relation to the COVID-19 situation and The Hamilton and Alexandra College.

The College will remain operational and continue to abide by Federal Government directives. In the final week of Term One (23 to 27 March), the Junior School will align with the Senior School in a trial of remote learning from home. Our aim is to open the College for the first day of Term Two (15 April) however in the changing landscape, we feel it important to be prepared for the possibility of longer periods of remote learning.

On Friday 20 March, Piccino to Year Six classroom teachers will send home documentation outlining online learning tasks, paper-based activities and in some cases, textbook specific work for Week 9 of Term One. Parents will also receive an email version of this documentation. We are confident that we can assign relevant classwork that aligns with our Term One Mathematics, English, Inquiry, Personal Development and Specialist (P.E, Chinese, Music and Art) scope and sequences at each year level and aim to continue delivering our high standards of teaching and support.

In Thursday's school newsletter I outlined some strategies for setting up a remote learning environment at home – please refer back to this as you begin planning at home.

The Junior School will be staffed throughout this period by Early Learning Centre (ELC) to Year Six classroom teachers, learning support and administration personnel. They will be available via the usual communication channels to assist and support students and families with their remote learning.

To accommodate and assist ELC and Junior School families who will be challenged with providing a supervised environment for remote learning at home, there are contingencies in place. We will open our ELC for Piccino students and two classrooms for Prep to Year Six students to create a supervised working environment. They will have access to devices and materials to support them in working through the learning tasks set for Week 9 by their classroom and Specialist teachers.

We realise this will be a fluid situation for some in our school community. I ask families wishing to have their children supervised at Myrnington to email Mrs. Povey with their requirements via [jsreception@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jsreception@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au).

If attending the ELC or Junior School, we ask students to wear their school uniform and bring recess snacks and a packed lunch. The school cafeteria will not be operating. We will run the day to normal timetabled bell times. Students will be supervised in the playground during recess and lunch breaks. We will be open for students from 8.45am to 3.15pm. Please note, there will be no provision for before or after school care. We ask for your support with prompt drop off and pick up of students.

In advance, I thank Junior School families for their support in these challenging times. I am confident our College values of respect, gratitude, compassion, optimism and resilience will hold us in good stead. The Junior School staff and I are here to assist in any way. Please contact us with any concerns you may have.

Kind regards

**Stephen Nelson**

**Head of Junior School**