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Dear Parents/ Carers

After the most recent State Government advice regarding schools, it seems clear that schools are being viewed in a far more positive light. With this in mind, Term 2 at Encounter will commence as follows:

- Remote learning will continue in Week 1, enabling the teaching staff to deliver the curriculum in the mode in which they have prepared over recent weeks. The exception to this will be Year 12 students who we expect to physically attend for their scheduled lessons each day;
- Students engaging in their learning at home will do so in the same manner they did during our remote learning trial in Week 11; and,
- Students attending school will be supervised in a large group and will engage in a remote learning mode, rather than being taught by their own teacher.

Although students are able to attend school, given we will engage in a remote learning mode in Week 1, the preferred option is for students to remain at home where possible. The final decision will clearly be based on the capacity or choice of each family. Should your child/ren need to be at school in Week 1 please indicate via email to admin@encounter.sa.edu.au by 3pm on Friday 24th April.

If the positive trajectory we have experienced in recent weeks continues, my cautious yet hopeful expectation is that face-to-face teaching and a return to 'normal' school life will be able to resume in the next 2-3 weeks.

I will communicate with you regarding our approach to Week 2 and beyond by Thursday April 30th.

I am so very thankful for the ongoing and overwhelming support of Encounter families throughout this complex period. Please know how much I, and the whole staff team, appreciate your loyalty and your willingness to trust our decisions and our leadership in this time. It seems we are carefully navigating ourselves into a far more desirable reality and I look forward to school life and our lives beyond gradually returning to a sense of normality in the weeks and months ahead.

If you have any specific concerns please contact me or a Head of School.

Sincerely

Kelvin Grivell

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