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Dear Students

Welcome to Term 3! I trust you enjoyed a great break over the holidays.

I am writing to you because holidays are now over and I want to wish you well with your online learning during this lockdown period. This is not the start we had hoped for but school is back nevertheless. I want to let you know what that looks like for you over the next six days. Subject teachers will no doubt be in touch with further subject-specific information.

Today your teachers are busy preparing for online learning. Year 11 and 12 students will have learning to go on with today. Check Canvas for resources, task sheets and announcements from your teachers. Preview what is coming up and be ready. Resolve now to stay up-to-date with the learning this semester.

From tomorrow all senior students will be able to access learning in the following ways:

- **Canvas** is your first port of call. Here you will find learning resources, task sheets, announcements about work expectations and, in some subjects, videos of teachers teaching or otherwise communicating with you.
- Scheduled **Zoom** lessons will happen at least once in most subjects over this four day period. 'Attendance' at these is vital. Teachers will either email you the link or place the link into the 'Announcements' section of Canvas. You are responsible to check both your email and Canvas classrooms. Some teachers may choose to make pre-recorded videos instead of arranging a Zoom lesson and these videos will be uploaded to the relevant classroom Canvas page.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to engage with your learning in every subject during this next week. This is not an optional extra. Your teachers will hold you accountable for the learning that should have been undertaken during this time. Extensions simply 'because we were in lockdown' will not be granted.

To help you to make the most of your online learning please make sure you have a well-positioned workspace in your home with:

- adequate lighting
- reduced noise from the rest of the house
- fresh air
- space to work both on the laptop and complete written work
- an open door

During your Zoom lessons please make sure you abide by the following expectations:

- wear appropriate clothing, in keeping with school values
- ensure video backgrounds or virtual backgrounds are in keeping with school values and not distracting to others

- refrain from eating
- remain polite, respectful and follow all teacher instructions to discuss school related content only
- limit use of sarcasm to avoid misinterpretations
- do not reveal any personal information, including phone numbers, addresses, emails
- do not show photos or videos of classmates without permission and teacher approval

Students who contravene these code of conduct requirements will be removed from online classrooms immediately and may be subject to sanctions on their school online account access.

While this is all serious business I also want to remind you that Tyndale and all that it stands for is still here for you; it just looks a bit different. I know that you will look forward to catching up with teachers and classmates over Zoom. We want to do all that we can by way of support. If you would like counselling or Family Services support at this time from our Tyndale Wellbeing Team, please click this link <https://se.tyndale.sa.edu.au/wellbeing/>.

My prayer is that you and your family would stay safe and well. May you use your time both for effective learning and for rest and time with family.

'Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.' (Jude 1:2)

All the best!

Mrs Button
Principal – Senior School