



St Mark's

24 March 2020

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You will be aware that the Prime Minister gave a directive yesterday that school holidays would commence on Monday 30 March which is earlier than our planned St Mark's Term 1 holiday, which was due to commence on Thursday 9 April.

After discussions with other independent schools and to assist many St Mark's families that are undertaking distance learning for their children in both state and independent schools, we have decided that school holidays for our primary school will commence **Monday 30 March**. Term 2 will begin **Wednesday 15 April** with the Primary School distance learning programme recommencing at that time.

As mentioned in my last correspondence, the St Mark's Distance Learning programme will commence tomorrow **Wednesday 25 March until Friday 27 March** for the Primary School. An email will be sent later today from our PYP Coordinator, **Mrs Angelee Jarrett**, that outlines our Distance Learning Programme and support for families.

The St Mark's Arrowsmith Programme is also offering distance learning during the same dates of operation as the primary school. Director of Arrowsmith/Dean of Learning Support, **Mrs Victoria Jarratt Gibbs**, will email all Arrowsmith families about this later today.

St Mark's Preschool will offer distance learning from tomorrow, **Wednesday 25 March** for the four weeks of the emergency closure, as the Preschool would usually be open during primary school holidays. The Dean of Preschool, **Mrs Charmaine Ramos-Yee**, will email all Preschool families later today.

Thank you everyone for your support of St Mark's and we will continue to provide outstanding support and service to children and their families in what is an extraordinary time for us all.

My very best and warmest wishes to you all.

Kind regards

Treena Martin
Board Chair

