Dear parents and carers

I’m writing to update you regarding the positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test at Holy Eucharist School.

Firstly, I’d like to thank the entire school community for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

I want to reassure you that we are working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) to ensure you receive the best and most timely advice possible, and that the wellbeing of our students and staff is paramount.

Deep cleaning of our entire school commenced on Saturday and will continue until completion on Tuesday.

While the school is closed for cleaning, we will resume flexible and remote learning for all students.

* The CECV recommends the following daily minimum guidelines for schools to follow:

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| **For students in Prep to Year 2,** | **For students in Years 3 to 6** |
| * Literacy activities that take a total of about 45–60 minutes | * Literacy: 45–60 minutes |
| * Numeracy activities of around 30–45 minutes | * Numeracy: 30–45 minutes |
| * Additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity of about 30–45 minutes | * Physical activities: 30 minutes |
|  | * Additional curriculum areas: 90 minutes. |

We expect that onsite learning will recommence on Wednesday 3 June for students in prep, year one and year two.

Onsite learning will recommence for all other students as expected on Tuesday 9 June.

DHHS has provided direct and specific advice to any individuals who came into close contact with this person who tested positive about self-isolating and looking after themselves.

All other members of the school community who have not been contacted by DHHS are not identified as close contacts and therefore are able to go to school when classes for their year level recommence.

It is important that we all continue to monitor our own and the health of our children daily during this time. If you or your child develops any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath:

* Stay at home and do not attend school
* Seek medical advice (call ahead to alert your doctor about the confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at the school and any symptoms before visiting, and take this letter along)
* Call the school to let us know.

If you or your child has a health condition or complex health needs, please discuss this with your medical specialist.

More information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the [DHHS](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) and [CEM](https://www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx) websites.

I am proud to belong to such a caring and supportive school community and I thank you for your understanding at this challenging time.

I know you will join with me to wish the affected member of our school community a speedy and safe recovery.

Jeff Parker

Principal

Holy Eucharist School