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Dear Parents, Guardians, Homestay Hosts and Students,

***Re: Students Requesting Leave for the April Student Holiday Break
From Friday April 10 to Friday 24th April***

During the School Holiday Break, international students usually apply for leave to return to their home country to visit their families and then return before the break concludes. Students submit a Leave Form to the Homestay and Guardianship Officer or the Student Services Officer, four (4) weeks prior to the School Holiday Break commencing. When approval is granted by the Headmaster the parents book their child's flight ticket. Please be aware, that students are not given permission to leave prior to the school break commencing nor to return to school after the break concludes, only for the duration of the break.

Due to the Coronavirus the Australian Government has been swift to respond by placing restrictions for anyone who leaves the country and then decides to return, if he or she is not an Australian resident. This is to restrict the spread of the virus and to protect everyone's health. Currently if a student leaves Australia, they may not return for up to six (6) months. If a student decides to leave Australia she or he will be in a difficult position, as they may not be able to continue with their studies.

Therefore, the school recommends that all international students remain in Australia and not consider returning home during this School Holiday Break, until life returns to normal. This will enable the student to continue with their studies online while in Australia, and when the schools return to normal operations, they will be able to continue with their studies in the classroom and online learning will cease.

Home visitations that would have taken place at the end of Summer Term 1 have been postponed to a later date. Therefore, lessons will continue online up until Thursday 9th April, 2020. Friday 10th April is the beginning of the student holiday break and students will return to online learning again on Tuesday 28th April, 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rekouniotis
PEO/Headmaster
Friday 3rd April, 2020