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Dear Families,

The NT Department of Health has advised that it is safe for schools in the NT to remain open and for students and staff to attend school. At MacKillop Catholic College we are endeavouring to maintain social distancing though schools are currently exempt from complying with these directions from the NT Chief Health Officer.

There have been no cases of community transmission of COVID-19 in the NT. This places the NT in a different position to other states and territories that have stronger measures in place.

Schools are an essential service and every child should have access to education. We remind families that if you are in isolation that you contact the College to discuss the educational needs for your student if you have not already done so.

Hand hygiene, cough etiquette and environmental cleaning are effective ways to enhance safety for staff and students and prevent the virus spreading.

Students are reminded not to share food or drink. Students should bring water bottles from home (and wash daily) and only use the communal water fountains/bubblers for filling bottles. Students should not be drinking by mouth from water fountains/bubblers.

Our *Olive Grove Café* is open with social distancing measures in place. We encourage students to pre-order their food to enhance social distancing and reduce serving times. The café has sanitising stations by the doors and contactless payment is appreciated if possible.

Students should be disinfecting laptops and other devices (mice, headsets etc) each evening on arrival at home to avoid cross contamination. Students may wish to have their own disinfectant wipes or hand sanitiser to use through the day.

Students participating in physical education, outdoor education classes or Saints Academy classes are reminded they should be changing from full formal uniform to HPE uniform and back again. Students are encouraged to use the showering facilities available within change rooms at the end of class.

Stay Safe,

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