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Dear families,

I hope you are doing well as you can be. It was great to connect with students today for those who could make it. I hosted students in two groups via Teams (10/11 and 7-9).

We have been fielding a few questions with some common themes. I'd like to provide you as our community with an update in that we are working behind the scenes to ensure we get the best outcome for our students now and in the future.

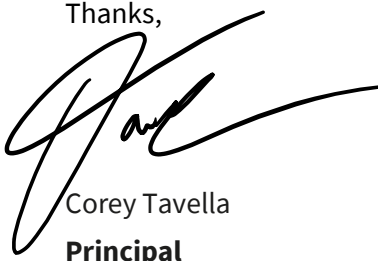
Please note the following represents what we know and believe at this stage. Our Executive Team will continue to meet and monitor the situation throughout next week and I will keep you up to date.

- **New Student Orientation day (27th)** - is unfortunately cancelled given quarantine arrangements. We will work on some alternative options to ensure that new students feel comfortable on their first day at Thomas More College. Our Year Level Leaders are preparing checklists and will ensure parents and families are well informed. More information will come out soon.
- **Year 12 Graduation** – a decision will be made early next week.
- **Year Level Celebration Days** – still to be decided just waiting on advice from SA Health. A decision early next week but something fun will be in place for Thursday of Week 8.
- **Week 8** – we anticipate that 7-9 students will be able to return from the start of Monday November 30 (the school year will be finished for 10s and 11s). The week will be about finalising tasks and reports as well as setting up students for their next year of Middle School or for our Year 9s transitioning to the Senior School.
- **School Photos** – should be ready to be picked up early in Week 8.
- **Quarantine** – as per their communication so far, SA Health has given a blanket determination that quarantine for our community (ie. students- and families who currently live at their household) concludes at the end of **Friday November 27**. I am currently fielding questions on whether this applies to students (and families) whose last day at the school was on Thursday November 12; I am seeking advice from SA Health and will get back to you. I know some people have sought their own advice; it is really important that anyone you talk to understands the TMC context in this situation (ie. there is some generic advice being given out). Let me look into it.

It has been great to see how our community has responded and we will continue to ensure we finish 2020 well and hit the ground running in 2021. The sense of finishing well, and transition, will be our foci as we finish with our Middle School students.

Please take care and enjoy the weekend with your families,

Thanks,



Corey Tavella
Principal