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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you about arrangements for next week.

The last weeks have been for us all a time of significant learning, adjusting, and adapting to the challenges the pandemic has brought our way. We are incredibly grateful for the support you have shown as we have adjusted to Home-Based Learning (HBL) provided by the teachers in your school. We understand that this has necessitated the juggling of multiple competing demands within your home and undoubtedly has placed new pressures on you and your family. Thank you.

I am writing now regarding arrangements for next week that will set us up for the continuation of high quality HBL next term. Next Monday 6 April will be the last formal day of HBL this term. Since Monday will be the last day of HBL, we will be encouraging teachers to set enrichment activities for students that do not require teacher guidance. Tuesday 7 April to Thursday 9 April will be pupil free, staff development days focused on preparation for Term 2 HBL. If you have not already been advised, there will be a fourth pupil free day on Day 1 of Term 2, 27 April.

There may be local exceptions to the above arrangements to accommodate Year 12 students that will be the subject of a separate communication from the Principal of your school.

Schools will remain open next week and provide care and supervision for the students of those families that require this facility.

Parents will also be provided next week with a range of resources that may assist families with ideas for activities during the holiday period.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tony Bracken  
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