



## Loreto Secondary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, since January 11<sup>th</sup>, we have been operating school online, as per public health advice.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the students for their engagement and commitment, and to thank you for the support and cooperation that you have shown us in these challenging weeks. I would also like to express my gratitude to our teachers, SNAs, staff and all members of our school community for their hard work and generosity of spirit at this time.

This morning, we received notice from the Department of Education and Skills that *“the government has made a decision on foot of public health advice to extend the level 5 restriction measures in place to suppress the spread of Covid-19, and as part of these measures to continue this phase of school closure at present.*

*This decision has been made in the context of wishing to avoid the movement of the full one-million strong school-going population daily. The closure of schools will be kept under ongoing review by Government”.*

We ask that you would encourage your daughter to continue the high levels of engagement with online school, as we navigate this unique challenge together. We ask that you also advocate that she keeps to a routine, to maximize use of her time, to help her to manage workload and to build in opportunities for breaks and exercise.

As information becomes available to the school from the Department of Education and Skills, the State Examinations Commission, or from other relevant bodies, we will communicate that with you. However, parents are encouraged to monitor pertinent websites for updates.

We hope that you all stay healthy and well during these weeks, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to physical school as part of their normal routines as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Raughter  
Principal