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MIGS/ADM/T3/PRC/WS/PS/2020-0211

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL - REMOTE LEARNING GOOGLE SITES

I trust everyone remains safe and is ready for learning with MIGS to continue. May I also thank parents in advance for their patience and support as we embark on this new project together. We do understand the change in the delivery of our curriculum and perhaps the additional guidance parents may need to offer, particularly in our Junior school.

I hope you all recently received the email and update for the MIGS Parent Portal, which we will use as our dedicated communication method for our remote learning information and updates.

The links to the remote learning google sites can be found in the parent portal and all work, lessons and tasks will be updated daily at around 6pm.

We sincerely hope you enjoy this new experience and are as enthusiastic as our staff to take on this new challenge.

If you have any difficulties using these sites, please contact your form tutor who will hopefully be able to guide you. There is a dedicated Junior School and Senior school site for each division.

Both Junior and Senior students will initially follow the usual school timetable of lessons; however, we may well adjust this in the future to focus on certain subject areas. Lessons will start at 8:00am and end at 3:00pm. Primary and Junior school assembly times will be a time to review the previous week and prepare for the week ahead via a group zoom or google meet call.

A mixture of lesson formats will be used with regularly scheduled live lessons delivered using zoom software and collaborative activities where students can also contact each other. For all lessons using Zoom or any other video conference, please select an appropriate open area of your home. Although not every video conference will require a video stream, and although school uniform is not required, students must be appropriately dressed, please no pyjamas etc.

We will also utilise investigative and research-based work, alongside online quizzes, worksheets, google classroom and live lessons.

It is important for students to have a suitable place to study from home with breaks and social engagement, just as they would have in school. We hope all parents are able to support learning when possible, such as a structure to the day and giving general encouragement at all times.

Finally, I must remind students to use technology responsibly and are strictly not permitted to record video conferences, share links to video conferences with anyone outside of MIGS or post videos shared by the teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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