Dear Parent/Caregiver,

As a safeguard to the COVID-19 virus, many families are keeping their children home. This is understandable; however, their continued education, albeit in a remote format, is also a high priority.

You may have received a text message from me about collecting your child’s books and equipment from their lockers if they are staying home for any reason. If you did not receive this text, please contact the school on 83018000 as soon as possible to enable us to record your mobile phone number, or to let us know you do not have a mobile contact number.

You may have received emails from me concerning this crisis (including an electronic copy of this letter). If you did not receive this letter by email (as well as this hard copy), please contact the school on 83018000 as soon as possible to enable us to record your email address, or to let us know that you do not have an email address.

You may have responded to a text from Lee Knight (our Deputy Principal) about internet, WiFi or mobile data access at your home. Thank you to those who have responded. If you have not responded already, could you please contact the school on 8301 8000 and inform us that you have no internet access at home.

For the school to deliver an effective remote learning environment, students will need to be able to access a range of platforms, including DayMap, Learnlink/Office 365 and Clickview, amongst others. Included in this mail-out are copies of; how students can access these applications through the school website; how parents can access the DayMap Parent Portal and, how parents and students can get access to DayMap on their mobile devices. Electronic copies of these instructions are located on the first page of the school website. https://www.underdale.sa.edu.au/

Also included here and on the Website is information about processes should we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 here at school.

All students need access to a laptop at home. If you are considering purchasing a new laptop for your child to support their remote learning, we have included a brochure about the laptops we expect students to be using at Underdale High School. Extended payment plans are available from the company supplying the laptops.

We will continue to update you on the current situation with COVID-19 in relation to schools through electronic means, and on the Website.

We thank you all for continuing to support your child’s education during this challenge time. When this current COVID-19 situation is over, we very much look forward to welcoming all of our students back on site to continue their face-to-face learning, always the most effective form of learning.

Sincerely yours

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