

## Monday 23rd March

We wish everyone well and hope all our students are following the advice from the HSE, practicing good hygiene, social distancing and being mindful of our families' health and wellbeing. As Principal I have been in touch with our staff and I remind all parents and students that teachers are working from home and are online, either by email or through Teams or OneNote and are happy to give guidance and help to all our students. They are also giving homework and assignments that can be done at home. We ask all parents to encourage their sons to engage with all the online teaching platforms provided by our teachers.

### 6th Years

It is very important that you stay fully engaged with your teachers while the school is closed. They continue to cover valuable examination material online. Please log in to your office 365 account for details of how to join teams and view work on OneNote. Teachers continue to set work for students and review work received from students. Some teachers have expressed concerns about the levels of engagement from 6<sup>th</sup> years, so please make every effort to communicate with your teachers. It is important to note that every effort will be made to run the Leaving Certificate this year and students should continue to prepare for it.

We are conscious of all different family situations, we know not every house will have internet and Wi-Fi access, most homes will probably only have one computer with several children wanting to go on line and check work at the same time. Please do your best to engage as much as you can. Please remind your son that while using any of the online platforms being used by teachers that they **must not** post up any material that a teacher would consider inappropriate. Any communication with other students must be conducted outside of the school platform.

We acknowledge that there may also be young children in the house due to crèche and primary school closures and this puts extra pressure on parents and students trying to prepare for exams. All we can ask is that you do your best at this difficult time.

This is for us all an unusual time. We assure all our students and parents in Salesian College that we will continue to do our best and work our way through this situation.

Please communicate through our mail: [office@Salesianscelbridge.com](mailto:office@Salesianscelbridge.com) If you have any concerns or if you need assistance from the school and we will endeavour to help you out as best we can.

We would ask all our students to act responsibly in relation to the current advice on social distancing. Working together is the only way we can bring this situation to a speedy conclusion.

Please stay safe.

Thank you  
Ms.BKearns, Principal