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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach mid-term, we have the opportunity to reflect upon this period of remote teaching and learning. As a society, we have faced continuing challenges associated with the pandemic, resulting in additional stress on students and their families. We share in your frustrations regarding uncertainty around *State Examinations* and the *Return to School* and commit to continue working with our students to prepare them for whatever path lies ahead. We assure you that we will be in contact as soon as the Department provides us with details of their plans with regards to the above.

The results of the recent surveys carried out with the student body and parents/guardians are now available on our website under the section 'Abbey Voice'. We thank you for your responses and the continued high level of support given to us as a school. As per guidelines on remote teaching and learning from the Department of Education and Skills, we have taken a blended approach to the delivery of our curriculum (a combination of live classes, pre-recorded lessons and assignments). Please note that many of our students are sharing devices within their household and / or are experiencing difficulties around their internet provision.

As a result of the survey, we have taken several measures to further support our students. The Senior Management Team have made connections with those requiring additional support. Our Year Heads and Middle Management Team have been working with the Student Support Team to identify and link in with students and families who are experiencing difficulties. Staff members have also been contacting home if they are concerned about your child's progress. As always, if you or your child need our support or you wish to contact a teacher directly, please do not hesitate to contact us via info@abbeycommunitycollege.com.

We encourage you to follow your child's online learning in *Microsoft Teams*. The survey results suggested that some parents lack confidence navigating *Teams*. If this is case for you, please see the 'Online Support' section of our website for links to supports from Microsoft.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child with their online learning experience. We encourage students to take a break from their screens and enjoy a well-deserved mid-term break.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Jefford
Principal