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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting held on Wednesday afternoon. The reason for the meeting was to advise you of classroom arrangements for 2019 which involves the Year 6 class.

As you are aware, St Joseph's has received approval to commence a capital development plan. This involves refurbishment of the current Pre-Primary and Year Six classrooms and building a new classroom in the adjacent undercover area to create a contemporary 'Early Childhood Hub'. Unfortunately, this work will mean that the current Pre-Primary and Year 6 classrooms are unavailable for a period of approximately six months. As a result, we don't have enough classrooms and need to make alternative arrangements while endeavouring to keep disruption to a minimum. As such, we would like to announce the following changes for 2019:

- The Year 6 class will be located in the refurbished Senior Citizens Centre located directly opposite the school office for the 2019 school year. This space will comfortably accommodate the students and it also has the necessary resources required (eg iTV, WiFi, access to toilets etc) to operate the classroom efficiently.
- In making this decision, it was anticipated that the Year 6 class, being our senior class, are the most mature and competent students to accept the responsibility of being located off-site, both from a safety conscious and functional perspective.
- The school will have access to the 'top room' in order to store books and required items. This room will be used exclusively by the Year 6 class and can be locked after hours.
- The hall can be utilised as a learning space during the day, so long as it is packed away each evening and left in a tidy state.
- The BYOD devices program will still be operating and it is imperative that your child is organised and comes to school each day with their device charged and ready to go. There won't be an opportunity to borrow a spare device from the trolley, as this would mean crossing the road and much interruption to the learning program.
- Students will meet Miss Johnson in the undercover area outside the office each morning and will walk together as a group across to the Senior Citizens Centre. At the end of the day, students will be walked back across the road and be picked up from the undercover area.
- All specialist classes will be timetabled to coincide with recess and lunch times to minimise the number of times that students need to cross the road.
- The Year 6 Students will still have their leadership roles within the school and participate in recess and lunch breaks with the rest of the school.

Thank you for your support during this important period of our school's development. At all times during the decision making process, the best interests of the students has been imperative. It is likely that difficulties may arise and we will endeavour to address any concerns you may have along the way. In the event of any questions, I am available at any time to discuss them with you. We are committed to making 2019 a wonderful year for our Year 6 students.

Kind regards,

Travis Bienkowski
Principal