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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would firstly like to acknowledge the difficulty, challenges and worries many of you are facing at the moment. I know the extension of the holidays has put many families under strain, with many parents juggling working at home and the care of family members. I would like to thank you for what is, an enormous effort on parents' behalf to manage multiple responsibilities, at a time when you would normally have returned your children to school. The small numbers of students at school each day this week, has enabled our staff to work remotely and maintain a skeleton staff at school. Thank you for the sacrifice you have made to ensure we can keep our workforce safe and minimise absence when school does return to face to face learning. We are hoping that in keeping our workforce well, we will have greater continuity, and less disruption to your child's learning when we are all together again.

I would also like to recognise the contribution of our critically essential workers during these two weeks, who have needed to send their child to school while they perform roles crucial to the functioning of our society. I know these parents make a sacrifice of a different kind, and acknowledge their worries and concerns when unable to exercise the choice of keeping their child at home during the holiday extension. Thank you to these parents also for entrusting your children to us during this worrying time.

Our teachers are also using this two week delay to review student files, review their 2021 achievement against the curriculum, adjust current unit plans to accommodate the two week delay, and plan for the possibility of remote learning. A huge thank you to our staff for juggling their own families, remote working and supervision of students for the last week, and into next week also. This has been an inconvenient and uncomfortable time for everyone in the school community.

The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday February 1, 2022 from 8:30-9:30am for over the counter sales, no appointments necessary and Friday February 4, 2022 from 8:30-9:30am for online collections only. The web address for online ordering is www.schoolshoponline.net.au or contact the P&C via email at uniforms@norrisroadss.eq.edu.au

At this point, there has been no communication from the Department of Education regarding the return to school on February 7, 2022. When this plan has been communicated, I will in touch as soon as possible regarding our localised approach.

With kindness,

Melissa Burke
Principal