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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well at what I know has been a challenging time for a range of reasons. We are thinking of your child's return to school, and recognise that thoughts may be turning to their transition to high school.

Typically, this would be a time when we would be progressing plans for our Year 6 transition week that usually takes place at the end of term. Unfortunately, and after careful consideration of government guidance, current uncertainty and the significant logistical challenges linked to health, safety and staffing, our transition week and other transition events we would normally hold in school will not take place this summer. We are sure you appreciate the very many difficulties that holding a transition week would pose.

Work is underway on alternative transition experiences and activities we will provide for pupils and families. There will be opportunities to learn more about our staff, the school and its site, and have your questions answered. To support transition we will be aiming to provide you with the following:

- Regular 'newsletter' style information sheets around key topics.
- Short video clips that provide information about the school. These will feature both staff and pupils.
- Calls will be made to all families later this term to discuss moving to High School as an opportunity for you to have your questions answered.
- Our 'Moving to High School' booklets for parents/carers and 'New Student Handbook' for pupils.
- Advice from Hobart pupils to cover common themes and help support Year 6 pupils in feeling confident about their move.

We will also continue to maintain contact, as needed, between key staff at Hobart and the Year 6 teachers/school staff at your child's school, so we obtain any important information to support your child.

I wish you all the best in the weeks ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school with any queries.

Kind regards and stay safe.



Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School