



22 April 2020

Re: COVID-19 update

Good afternoon,

While recent figures regarding the number of COVID-19 cases in Queensland indicate that restrictions may be eased in coming weeks, it is vital that we continue to lead our communities on this journey. Now is not the time to be complacent. We need to continue to follow all advice that is provided by government agencies in order to ensure the safety and well-being of our people.

The figures from the first week of Term 2 are encouraging to say the least. Our schools have transitioned seamlessly into learning at home whilst also supporting up to 40 per cent of students who have been attending classes in person. We applaud your commitment and efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a timely reminder that the Synod is currently monitoring the finances across the life of the church during this period. Thank you for your March financials which we received earlier in the month, and while we did not see a significant impact due to the coronavirus, we are well aware (as you are) that April, May and June may tell a very different story. Please submit your April cash flow status report to Mark Bensley by 8 May 2020 so we can continue to monitor them together.

In closing, may I also remind you that this Saturday is ANZAC Day. Further information is available from the [Department of Veteran Affairs](#) or the [RSL](#) websites. While we may not be able to gather at a dawn service as we usually do, we are being encouraged to stand in our driveway, on our balcony or in our living room to remember those who served and sacrificed so much. Please take the time to remember and honour our service men and women this Saturday.

If you require any support or seek counsel regarding any operational decision that you may have to make in the coming weeks and months, remember to contact [Mark Bensley](#). Alternatively, you can also contact a member of the [Synod workplace health and safety team](#).

Unless there is a need for an extra-ordinary update, I will provide a further update on 7 May 2020.

Every blessing

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