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Parents/Guardians 45 HARVEST HOME RD EPPING VIC 3076

28 October 2020

Dear parents, guardians and carers,

As parents, like you, we want nothing more than to ensure that all children are healthy, happy and receive the best start in life.

From the very beginning of this COVID-19 pandemic we have been determined that it would not rob our children of a year of schooling or erode their hopes for the future.

With that in mind, many parents, guardians and carers have gone above and beyond to take on the additional responsibility of home-schooling children. And of course, the hard work and initiative shown by school principals and teachers remind us all just how amazing our school communities can be.

We thank you for all your efforts and sacrifices.

Most children are able to cope with the challenges presented this year, but some may feel anxious about how the virus has impacted their lives and what it may mean for the future, especially those in senior years.

We encourage you to read the attached Mental Health and Career Support for Young People factsheet. It contains information and advice for students and parents to help support good mental health. We hope you will find it useful.

By working closely with our health experts, state and territory governments, and community organisations, the Government is committed to ensuring help is always available.

Together, we can get through these tough times and ensure our children have the best possible start for a brighter future.

Yours sincerely

Hon Scott Morrison MP

Prime Minister

Christine Morgan
CEO National Mental Health

Commission

Hon Dan Tehan MP
Minister for Education