



**Pittwater House**

## From the Chairman and the Principal

30 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Whilst Pittwater House remains open, and our teachers are working harder than ever to deliver remote learning to your children, the world as we know it has changed.

The COVID-19 situation has evolved to the point where we are seeing a much wider impact than the alarming and immediate health concerns. The ever changing and quite dramatic impact on our lives, together with the broader global economy, is causing an unprecedented level of anxiety and stress.

As always, our foremost priority continues to be for the safety and wellbeing of our whole School community. We are mindful that families may be experiencing an impairment in their normal income. If you are the victim of financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 economic downturn, we ask that you stay in conversation with us. A confidential conversation in which we can talk about how we can support and assist, can make a big difference until the situation passes. Lynn Phelan, our Business Manager and her staff continue to support our teachers and families. To that end, we urge you to contact Lynn on [lynn.phelan@tphs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lynn.phelan@tphs.nsw.edu.au) or call (02) 9972 5748 for confidential guidance.

Families would know that we always seek to work closely with individuals, in understanding their concerns and current pressures. Children's security, comfort and continuity of education is vital – particularly when so much of their known world is being impacted. They need to know that they remain safe and cared for with familiar people and routines.

For families who are less affected in these challenging times, we kindly ask that you continue to support Pittwater House by meeting your financial commitment. By so doing, the School can continue to provide a quality level of teaching and learning, as well as ensuring that those families most marginalised by the economic impacts of COVID-19 are cared for.

One of the great strengths of our School is the Pittwater House Family, made up of our wonderful parents, staff and students. In a challenging moment like this, please continue to reach out to each other with encouragement and exhibit care for any families you know, who may be adversely impacted by this unprecedented situation.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families. We look forward to welcoming you back on campus when we are all able to be physically present.

With our kindest regards,

Todd Alexis SC  
Chairman

Dr Nancy Hillier  
Principal and CEO