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Dear Keio Students:

As our classes recommence, I want to write to you to say that I am thinking of you all, and your families, and hoping that you are in good health.

COVID:19 has presented the School with a huge challenge. We want to keep teaching you well so that you enjoy your learning and continue to develop your minds and spirits. Our Faculty is doing its very best to reach out to you through online learning in order to continue our care for you. I know it took a little time for our teachers to work out how best to use the technology, but I believe they are now ready to lead you through the final months of the academic year.

I am thinking especially of our Grade 12 students. We are all so disappointed that your time at Keio Academy cannot end in the usual way, with Graduation and the presence of your parents and family and the celebrations that go with it. Perhaps, when the restrictions lift, something can be arranged in Tokyo to allow us to congratulate you on your achievements and wish you well for your future. We have to wait and see how things go between now and the end of next month. Meanwhile, we will make sure that the final stage of your academic program goes smoothly and that you achieve the final results you deserve.

I want you to know how much I enjoyed meeting you in small groups earlier in the year and how important our conversations were to me. I learnt a great deal about the School and your hopes for the future – and also your appetite for scones and chocolates! I enjoyed your jokes and your humour too.

I wish you all well and look forward to meeting you again before too long.

Yours sincerely,

