

COVID-19 Update 23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you to confirm that our school will follow the recommendation from the Victorian Government and the Chief Health Officer that school holidays commence from Tuesday 24 March.

As a result, today, Monday 23 March was the final day of classes for Term 1, 2020.

Please know that, “Holiday Learning” can be accessed online through each units Team Drive. Please refer to the letter forwarded to all families today (and via the school App) with instructions on how to access these learning links. ***This learning is optional for all children and monitored by families.***

For those parents who are currently working in **essential services** (ambulance, fire, hospitals, medical professions etc.), the school will provide supervision for their children during school hours if required. If you need to send your child to school, please come in to school in the morning with your child, and provide details of the essential service you are involved in and we will do all we can to support you and your child at this time, as **you** work to support us all!!

A reminder that Quantin Binnah (QB) is still providing child care for those that may need to use their service during the next 4 days (in our MFR at Corpus Christi) and into the holiday period. You can contact QB for up-to-date information and bookings on 9742 5040.

At this stage we expect that Term 2 will begin on Thursday 16th April as per our school calendar, however, advice from the Chief Medical Officer will determine whether this learning occurs at school or from home.

Our Staff will use the following days to continue working on ways to support student learning remotely and ways to support families where access to digital technology may be a challenge, should it be announced that we are required to work remotely.

All units in the school are developing ‘Remote Home Learning Plans’ that will have clear processes and protocols for supporting home learning for your child(ren) should this be necessary in Term 2. These will be shared with families when complete.

Communication during this time of uncertainty is crucial. Please ensure you are connected to our school via the CC App and that you are a member of your child’s Remind community. Please refer to a notice that went home last week from Mrs Anne Walton (Digital Technologies Leader). Anne can be contacted at: annew@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au, if you have any questions regarding communication and staying connected at Corpus Christi.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions. These are available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

You can also find information about Catholic education’s response to COVID-19 at www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents.

In the meantime, we thank all in our community for your ongoing understanding as we seek to keep our school community safe.

Further updates will be provided if there are additional changes.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing all our families a peace-filled and Holy Easter.

We pray for God's love and mercy as we move through these challenging times and that together we are the face of Jesus in our world – showing kindness and compassion to all!!

*With kind regards,
Linda*