

## ***Return to School Update – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May***

# ***Corpus Christi is Preparing to Welcome Students Back to School***

Corpus Christi will welcome our students in Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May in line with the state government's plan for a phased return to onsite learning in Victorian schools.

Teachers and staff are very much looking forward to the students' return. To support staff to prepare for the students' return, **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May will be a student-free day. Therefore there will be NO onsite learning nor will staff be available to respond to home learning on this day.**

Tuesday will be an exciting time as our students reunite with their friends, peers and teachers, and our school begins to return to being the vibrant Catholic learning community it always has been.

Our parents and carers have been incredibly supportive of remote learning over the past several weeks, but I know many will join me in looking forward to the return to the school routine and classroom-based teaching as our children return to school.

The period of remote learning, while challenging in some ways, has strengthened the sense of partnership we have with our parents in the education process.

I am very proud of our team here at Corpus Christi who have done an enormous amount of work to keep our students progressing with their learning and now preparing for their return.

Our teachers are also very aware that some students will need extra support when they return and we will monitor each child's progress closely.

Our school will operate within the Victorian Government's recommended COVID-19 safety guidelines, including hygiene practices, social distancing and restricted access to the school site. ***The specific details of particular practices and arrangements for keeping students, staff and families safe at Corpus Christi are currently being finalised and will be sent to families later in the week.***

However, to support families of children who will be returning on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, it is important that parents know that the following will be in place:

- There will be 3 entry and departure points for children – Russell Street Gate, Carpark Gate and the Emergency Access Gate (near the portables). (All gates will be locked until 8.30am and from 9.00am. We ask that you please contact the school via phone and use the Russell Street gate during the day, if required).
- There will be ***Staggered Drop-off times***: a) 8.30am - 8.45am      Family Names A-K  
b) 8.45am - 9.00am      Family Names L-Z

Parents are encouraged to drop off their children and to avoid congregating near and around gates and leave as soon as they can.

There will be ***Staggered Dismissal times*** a) 2.50pm      Family Names A-K  
b) 3.05pm      Family Names L-Z

Parents will be asked to remain in their cars if possible or to stand at a distance until children are brought out to the gates and to not congregate near exits.

***NB: We will closely monitor our Staggered Drop-off and Dismissal procedures during the coming weeks and adapt as required.***

### **Out of School Hours Care Program**

***Quantin Binnah will operate from 6.30am as usual in the mornings and from 3.05 – 6.00pm in the afternoons. They can be contacted on 9742-5040 should you require care at these times.***

- Russell Street Walkers will be dismissed as usual at 3.05pm
- MacKillop Walkers will be dismissed as usual at 3.20pm
- Out of School Hours Care will operate as usual.
- Signage will be erected to remind families of the need for physical distancing.
  
- ❖ We are seeking support from traffic management officers to support and advice on possible traffic ‘flow’ options for Drop-off’ and ‘Pick-Up’ times.
  
- ❖ Enhanced hygiene practices and cleaning will be in place.

***Particular details of our processes and protocols will be communicated to families as soon as possible.***

I also remind any parents and carers who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 to please contact me to discuss their situation and fee support options.

Students in Grades 3 to 6 will return to school from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June in the second stage of the return to onsite schooling. From 26<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June, we will continue to be open to students in Grades 3-6 of essential workers and for children for whom there is no adult at home. Please contact the school office to access the appropriate forms requesting supervision onsite if necessary for your family if you haven’t already done so.

***All our arrangements and practices will be carefully monitored and adapted as necessary. I will ensure regular updates are communicated to all families, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.***

***Once again, I thank you for your ongoing support.***

***Kind regards,  
Linda***