

Parent Update 30th July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Hope you and your family are staying safe and well!

We are extremely heartened to see the children and families at our school do their best in the Remote Learning 2.0 environment we find ourselves in.

However, we are certainly aware that this has once again been a significant challenge for many families. As parents you support your children at home while at the same time trying to juggle working from home yourself, supporting vulnerable family members and coping with the numerous and varied implications of COVID 19 in general. Once again I reiterate that you can only do what your family circumstances allow for. Please be assured that all staff will support you and your child as much as possible as we journey through this term together.

There is no doubt it is difficult for all involved and a return to the normality of schooling – at school – is everyone’s preferred option but we need to be led by the advice of our Chief Health Officer and the State Government for children to remain at home and will respond as required to any new directives.

As you may have heard, or seen in the media, there have been recently confirmed COVID cases associated with nearby schools. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has assured that any other schools potentially impacted would be contacted by them directly and advised accordingly.

DHHS is currently undertaking contact tracing in relation to these recent cases nearby. They will contact any member of the community that has had close contact with a confirmed case. Please note that at this stage, DHHS has not been in contact with Corpus Christi.

Our school continues to work closely with the DHHS and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) to ensure our practices reflect current advice and support the safety and wellbeing of our school community. We are undertaking significant extra school cleaning measures and hand hygiene continues to be a priority. It is also important that we all continue to monitor our own and the health of our children. If you or your child develops any symptoms, stay at home, seek medical advice and call the school to let us know. Please remember to wear a mask any time you leave your home.

Wellbeing Resources for Parents and Carers (Links provided by Catholic Education Melbourne)

Remote and flexible learning can be challenging for both students and parents/carers. A range of resources to help parents and carers to support their child’s wellbeing are available on the CEVN [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Family Engagement and Support](#) webpage.

New DET resources for parents and carers include:

[Wellbeing activities and conversation starters – primary](#)
[Wellbeing activities and conversation starters – secondary](#)
[Managing screen time, health and wellbeing.](#)

In addition, the DET and Melbourne Football Club have developed a new series of [wellbeing videos](#). Featuring both AFL and AFLW players, the videos provide students with tips on resilience, managing stress and anxiety, gratitude and staying active.

Foundation 2021 Enrolments

Interviews for our new Foundation enrolments for 2021 will look different this year given the current restrictions regarding access to school grounds and buildings. In the coming weeks families will be contacted via a phone call for a conversation about the application for enrolment. We will look at various opportunities, perhaps during our Transition Program in Term 4, to meet all our new children and families – in person.

Message from MacKillop College

MacKillop College 2020 Open Day and College Tours have been cancelled due to COVID-19. However, anyone can now view the College through a Virtual Tour.

Use [this link](#) for a short welcoming message from the Principal before embarking on the tour. Also included, is a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

(<https://mackillopwerribee.com.au/information/virtual-tour/>)

Should you require further information, please contact the College on 8734 5200.

Enrolments for Year 7 2022 – Current Year 5 Students

Applications close on Friday 9 October 2020

Staff at Corpus Christi are doing a marvellous job in responding to the individual needs of all our families and children and providing the support families need, as best they can, within the constraints of the situation we find ourselves. They have once again responded extremely well to the need to provide the curriculum remotely in a short space of time and I am very proud of the work being done. Staff have been innovative, researched widely and created resources that support their students in accessing the Term 3 intended curriculum as best they can.

We appreciate the messages of support received as far, as well any suggestions that have been provided. Teachers are constantly adapting / changing / implementing approaches to Remote learning in whatever way possible, given a multitude of factors that need to be considered in order to deliver the curriculum and assist families.

Once again, I thank you for all your support and for the encouragement you are providing your children while they are at home. Please reassure your child that their teachers and support staff are here for them and they will do all they can to help them. We miss them and we look forward to when we can be together again back at school!!

Stay safe and stay well!! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need to for anything at all.

May the blessings of Jesus Christ be with each of you!

***Kind regards,
Linda***