



17 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

This afternoon and tomorrow our staff will continue to learn how to implement offsite learning programs. It is our intention to be able to continue our learning for all students irrespective of total or partial closure of the school.

Some parents have chosen to keep their child / children at home and they also will be able to continue their learning from home.

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR LEARNING

You are all no doubt aware of the challenges faced by us all at the current moment. We plan to continue our teaching and learning program as normal, but we are also offering remote access to classes for students who are unwell. If Nazareth College has to be closed for an extended period of time, we plan to continue our learning and teaching program remotely.

Our plan is that teachers will teach their classes as per the school timetable. Students who are not at school will join their Google Classroom at the regular timetabled period and follow instructions from there. Teachers may have a video conference via Zoom, collaborate on Google Classroom or ask students to work on exercises during that class. Students will be able to upload tasks onto Google Classroom and receive feedback via Google Classroom.

Students should take home resources and their laptops every afternoon so that they will be able to access the curriculum offsite if required.

We understand parents and guardians of Year 12 students may be anxious. We will do our utmost to minimise disruption to their learning. For students undertaking the Victorian Certificate of Education, scheduled School Assessment Coursework (SACs) require supervision in order to be completed. We will follow advice from the Victorian curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) to ensure that any closure does not unduly impact on VCE assessments.

This is difficult and disruptive for everyone. We are planning and trialling what might work best but nothing is going to be perfect or ideal. Please be patient as we do our best for your child.

As at Monday 16 March, the Australian Government implemented a fourteen (14) day isolation period for anyone arriving from overseas. Whilst families have either delayed or cancelled overseas trips, I encourage all families to consider this measure if they are planning to travel in the forthcoming holiday period.

Please also remember that anyone who travels overseas and experiences symptoms on their return, they will need a Doctor's examination and medical certificate declaring them 'symptom free' of COVID-19, to be presented to the school prior to their return.

Families and students travelling overseas will need to inform the College prior to doing so, so that all details can be registered in order to ensure accountability on their return.

Regrettably, the list of events that have been either postponed or cancelled continues to grow. These decisions have not been made lightly.



## THIS TERM

- VCALSCOPE Balloon Football
- VCAL St Elizabeth's Year 11
- VCAL SCOPE Guest Speakers
- All Weekly SIS Sport
- St Anthony's Tutoring Program
- St Patrick's Day Mass and Concert
- Bridging English Excursion
- Duke of Edinburgh Term 1 x 2 Camps
- Year 8 English Runner Excursion (x2)
- VisComm Excursions
- Building Bridges
- Year 7 Immunisations
- St Anthony's Harmony Day Celebrations
- Rise Youth Festival
- Soup Kitchen
- SIS Performing Arts Concert and Rehearsals Excursion
- Top Arts Design Excursion
- Years 11 and 12 Studio Arts Excursion
- VCE Media Excursion
- Year 9 Business Expo
- Easter Prayer Service will be in Class Groups
- LEAP Swinburne Friday VET Classes

## NEXT TERM

- Year 7 Camp
- Conversation Corner

*All on campus classes and school activities on campus (ie School of Excellence, Musical lessons, Aerobics training etc) as well as morning Swimming lessons will continue at this stage.*

*All events for Term 2 are being reviewed as we learn more information. We will keep you updated and send more information regarding term 2 Events at a later date.*

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. These are unpredictable times and we can, together, make a difference. If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Our staff are doing their best to ensure that the learning experience continues to serve all members of our Community. These times have already proven challenging, However, I am extremely proud of our staff and students for the manner in which they have embraced the changes and challenges presented.

Kind regards

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