



12 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following advice from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), Nazareth will be closed from 11.59pm Friday 12 February 2021 until Wednesday 17 February 2021. This means **there will be virtual classes from Monday to Wednesday** next week. We will wait further information as things may change and we will keep you updated about the return to school. Please ensure you check emails regularly with updates as they are released.

As was the case we will maintain a limited skeleton staff and be open for vulnerable children and the children of essential workers if no other caring arrangements can be sourced. If your child will be attending school, as a matter of urgency can you please email [justin.duckett@nazareth.vic.edu.au](mailto:justin.duckett@nazareth.vic.edu.au) so the appropriate arrangements can be in place.

Students have been advised this afternoon that learning will take place via ZOOM. Year 7 students have been briefed this afternoon on ZOOM to prepare them for at home learning and the students from Year 8-11 will know the process for virtual classes from last year. All students were asked this afternoon to bring all books and equipment home so as they can continue on with their work from home.

The students were briefed this afternoon in a ZOOM Assembly. Staff also met this afternoon to prepare for the switch to virtual teaching.

Last year our students, parents and teachers worked together to have a very successful period of virtual learning at home. We are confident this period of at home learning will be successful once again.

### Ensuring continuity of learning

Nazareth is well prepared to return to its remote learning program and this will take effect on for Monday to Wednesday of next week. All students will be expected to be present for all classes on ZOOM as per their scheduled classes.

### Next steps

I understand this news will be concerning for many of you. I want to assure you we will do everything we can to contain and slow the spread of the virus, and ensure the health and safety of our whole school Community.

The school is supportive of both the DHHS and the CECV on these circuit breaker steps and appropriate action. We will continue to keep you informed as further updates become available.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available on the [DHHS](#) and [CECV](#) websites.

The office will be contactable via phone 9795 8100 from Monday to Wednesday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the College.

We hope and pray this period at home can be a time of continued growth and learning for our Community.

Yours sincerely

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