

23 March 2020

Re: School Holiday Changes

Dear Parents and Guardians

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, Monday 23 March will be the final day of classes for Term 1, 2020.

Students have been asked to ensure they take all of their learning devices, schoolbooks and stationery home at the conclusion of classes today. Please refer to the letter located on our website dated 20 March and titled *'Cancellation of Parent Teacher Interviews and Maintaining Communication'* to ensure access to **SEQTA**, our online Learning Management System.

For those parents who are currently working in **essential services** (ambulance, fire, hospitals, medical professions etc.), the school will be providing supervision for their children during school hours for the remainder of this week. If you are intending to send your child to school, please notify the school as to the essential service you are involved in, along with your child's name, to allow us to have adequate supervision during the day.

We expect that Term 2 will begin on Tuesday 14 April, which is a student-free day, with students scheduled to return on Wednesday 15 April.

Any changes to these dates will be guided by the ongoing advice of the Chief Health Officer, and will be communicated to parents.

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 <u>www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents</u>.

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

Further updates will be provided if there are additional changes.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely

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