



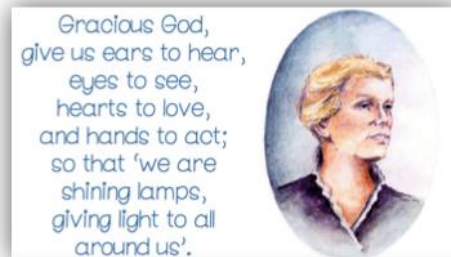
Thursday 23rd April 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

COVID-19 Update No 8.

(COVID-19 Update No. 9 will be emailed during the week beginning Monday 4th May).

Please be aware until further notice the College Office will close at 3.30pm.



Week Three

As mentioned in previous Covid Updates, work for Weeks One and Two of Term Two was planned in the last three days of Term One. During the past two weeks staff have been in overdrive with meetings, teaching remotely and working to plan for the remainder of Term Three. Families have received the Infographs for **Online Learning @ SMC** **Weekday Routine**. These guides provide an overview of weekday routines and structures:

Remote Learning Information For Primary Parents & Students - *Clothing; Etiquette; Learning Space; Managing Learning Time; Equipment; Your Health; Google Meet; Google Classroom; Gmail; Student Work; Homeroom and Team Video Conferencing; Daily Structure; Technical Help.*

Remote Learning Information For Secondary Students - *Clothing; Etiquette; Learning Space; Managing Learning Time; Equipment; Your Health; Starting the Day; SIMON; Google Meet; Google Classroom; School Timetable; Points To Remember; Technical Help.*

Remote Learning Information For Secondary Parents - *Routines; Clothing; Space; Equipment; School Timetable Encouraging Your Child; SIMON; Google Meet; Google Classroom; Gmail; Technical Help.*

To Our (Older) Students

*You have your **Remote Learning Infographs** that provide you with all the information required for routines; daily structure; IT connectivity and more. You have your devices and information on **Remote Learning** etiquette (respect). Please be aware that inappropriate behaviours on the e Learning platform will, if needed, be dealt with by the **College Behaviour Management Policy**.*

Staff Roster Week 3

At the request of CECV there will be minimal staff onsite as from Monday 27th April. St Mary's is honouring the spirit of and following the expectations of the Government and CECV Onsite Supervision Criteria. *Thank you to all parents for the responsible and reflective way you have responded to the Weekly Onsite Attendance Supervised Learning Application process.*

Weekly Onsite Attendance Supervised Learning Application Form

Please be aware that the form must be into the Office by 3.15pm every Thursday for the following week. This is critical as the Office requires this accurate information to organise the weekly minimum supervision roster.

Teaching staff (including teachers required for Onsite Supervision) are teaching all day (full time or part time) online. Learning Support Staff are assisting with supervision and or supporting students online. The Well Being Team will be sending google surveys to students for wellness checks, as well as making contact with parents. Ms Hurst will make personal contact with parents of Learning Diversity students.

Are we set up as best we can for remote learning? We are as good as we can be considering the current circumstances, including the short time line for implementation. Will there be mistakes, misses along the way? Yes there will and we do our best collectively to get it right.

Covid-19 has caused so much to change with little time to prepare. Education is not alone in this space, it is affecting all workplaces. Australia is well known as the lucky, knockabout country but with Covid-19 we cannot afford such a luxury. The danger is that we must not become complacent and relax social distancing and other measures too quickly – shorter term pain for much longer term gain.



IT Support Rollout

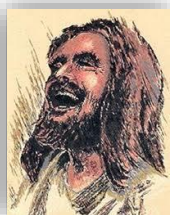
Mrs Melville has gone to extraordinary lengths to support families. The Gospel story of the ‘Loaves and the Fishes’ comes to mind, where so much was created from so little. Felicity has spent countless hours on the phone, via email and in consultation to the moon and back to ensure that well over 100 families who needed support have received support. Catherine McAuley’s spirit shines brightly at St Mary’s. It is for the students and about the students.

For IT support please email ict@smseymour.catholic.edu.au



Sacramental Program

Fr Eugene has informed the College that the Archdiocese of Melbourne Northern Region 2020 Sacramental programs for Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist have been transferred to 2021. Once a decision has been finalised by Bishop Curtin, we will be informed if the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this year or transferred to 2021.



2021 Enrolments

Enrolments are open for 2021. Enrolment forms are available on the College website and for further enquiries please email enrolments@smseymourcatholic.edu.au Stay tuned for more information via Facebook.



Primary Learning Centre

M2020 = Mission 2020 the title for the Primary Learning Centre Project to be built in the latter half of 2020 on the existing Parish car park site. There have been a further two meetings this week involving Town Planning consultants for Shire and Ministerial applications and the committee met to discuss interior colour schemes. It is CEM policy not to release plans until costings are complete. Once this is done there will be an overview and visual tour of the Primary Learning Centre presented on the College Website and via Facebook for our St Mary’s College community.

The Marian will revert to weekly this term (as from tomorrow) so connection is frequent. This weekly Marian will emphasise a positive snapshot of life in remote learning land. So please send any photos; funny stories and points of interest to marian@smseymour.catholic.edu.au It is important for the College community to connect and to have a few laughs amidst the current lifestyle changes. College Counsellor (Mel Nuttall) will contribute weekly to the Marian.

Best wishes and stay well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Wayne Smith
Principal

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