

17 July 2020

Dear Students and Families,

All is set for the start of *Learning from Home* on Monday. We are looking forward to welcoming students back for Term 3, albeit, remotely. 2020 continues to challenge our resilience in many different ways, and once again we are being asked to seek safety in our homes.

This year I have often thought of the story of Jesus calming the storm. The tiny boat amid the huge waves, the raging storm, the disciples worried that their small craft would be overwhelmed, and Jesus waking calmly and saying, 'Peace, be still.' It is a timely reminder that whilst we are living through some tough times at the moment, we will not be overwhelmed.

Over the coming weeks, students and families might find some comfort in the words of Julian of Norwich, a 14<sup>th</sup> century mystic:

*He did not say, 'You shall not be tempest tossed,  
You shall not be weary,  
You shall not be discomforted  
But He said, 'You shall not be overcome.'*

Following is a range of information that students and families will need over the next few weeks.

### Timetable

There is a new timetable for Semester 2. Elective classes and semester length rotation units will be new. Students will see their timetable on SIMON.

All these classes will have a new Google Classroom. Invitations will be sent to students via email.

### Monday 20 July (Day 6)

With the additional week of holidays, Monday will be **Day 6** of the timetable.

### Structure of the school day

Some of the adjustments that we made during the last period of remote and flexible learning will continue over the next few weeks. Key features include:

- a) Lessons are reduced to 50 minutes with a clear 10 minute break between classes.
- b) Teachers will regularly include time for catch up classes into the program.
- c) To give a better spread of breaks, the day will be structured as follows:

- Periods 1 and 2
- Recess
- Homeroom
- Periods 3 and 4
- Lunch
- Period 5.

A copy of the structure of the school day **with times** is included in the attachment to this update.

### **Google Meets**

Google Meets will also be introduced to students in Years 7 and 8 this week. Classes will begin using Meets on Tuesday.

### **Contact with Multicultural Education Aides (MEA's)**

Families are reminded that phone contact with our Multicultural Education Aides (MEA's) should only be from parents / carers, not students.

Students who have questions can ring Jill on the main College number or email the appropriate staff member.

### **Semester 1 Reports**

These will be available via the Parent Access Module (PAM) from Monday 20 July. A letter, explaining how to access reports and to book Student / Parent / Teacher interviews, was mailed yesterday. This should arrive early next week.

### **Student Parent Teacher interviews**

The Student Parent Teachers interviews will be held on **Thursday 06 August**. With the return to remote and flexible learning, these will now be held on Google Meets. Further details to follow.

In most cases, the interviews will be with the Pastoral Care or Assistant Pastoral Care teacher.

### **Course Planning for 2021**

Over the next few weeks, students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will all be involved in choosing electives and planning their courses for 2021. Much of this work will be completed during Homeroom and in Pastoral Care. It is important that students are present for all these sessions, to ensure that they have all the information that they need and meet all deadlines.

## Welcome

With the start of Term 3, we warmly welcome two new students, Marcus Nguyen Year 7YA and Nardeen Faseeh Year 8ED and a new staff member, Ms Jasmine Crisci to our school community. Ms Crisci will be replacing Ms Jess Iaria who is on leave. Starting at a new school during the year is a challenge, let alone in the conditions of remote and flexible learning. We wish all three, a fruitful and fulfilling time with us.

## Students who will be working onsite

If your child is coming to school, please let us know so that we have adequate staffing in place.

- i) Email [enquiries@crcstalbans.com.au](mailto:enquiries@crcstalbans.com.au)
- ii) By phone on the normal school number 9366 2544
- iii) Vietnamese Multicultural Aide: Mr Tung Phan on **0428 045 680**
- iv) Arabic Multicultural Aide: Ms Louna Ghawi on **0437 210 544**
- v) Dinka Multicultural Aide: Mr Deng Alier on **0428 158 780**

## Fee Relief

Just a reminder to families, if you need fee relief, please contact Anne Ross the College Bursar who will assist with this. Anne can be contacted by email or phone as follows:

- 1. Email: [crcaccounts@crcstalbans.com.au](mailto:crcaccounts@crcstalbans.com.au) OR
- 2. Phone: 0482 900 216

The latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools is available on the Catholic Education Melbourne website: [www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx](http://www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx).

And, once again, a reminder that if you, your child or a family member develop symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus).

I wish all students and families a very good Term 3.

Yours sincerely



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