



Monday, 30 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we embark on our second week of online learning, I wanted to thank you all for such a productive and positive week. This is a significantly different mode of teaching and learning and the students, staff and yourselves have done a stellar job adjusting to it.

I would ask you to keep in your prayers the Van Den Tillaart family (Luke Yr 12 and Tara Yr 10) who lost their Grandfather in the Netherlands to Covid19 over the weekend. We also keep in our prayers our St Leo's community who are facing a myriad of issues in their families.

The College remains open and a small number of students are present. Once again if parents wish to have their young person here at the College as they cannot manage supervision – the students are more than welcome. Of course, we follow the social distancing recommendations here at the College with both staff and students.

Our Curriculum teams are continually monitoring our implementation of online learning to address any issues, respond to feedback and investigate new ways to enhance the delivery of quality lessons. Our aim is to provide a balanced pedagogical approach that will be sustainable for our students, teachers and all families. Mr Petrie posted the answers to any queries we receive when we see a pattern developing. Thank you for the feedback, and I am sure those queries have been answered. For anyone that did not get this notification to Compass, here is the link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UdIMxXQuv_e0zl0YJ4WfIW8scKPUoSe4QXqngodg6GE/edit?usp=sharing

Today we live streamed a guided meditation session conducted by Mr Ralph Kershler.

It was great to see both staff and students volunteering for this meditation which went for 40 minutes, particularly given the current uncertainties. It was conducted in our "Online Chapel". Thank you Ralph – it was very well received and in most cases needed!

Wednesday – Virtual Book Club – hosted by our Teacher/Librarian – Ms Hashim

On Wednesday at 1.30pm Ms Hashim is hosting a virtual book club for any interested students. 'Reading gives you somewhere to go when we have to stay where we are' (Mason Cooley)

With this in mind, students are invited to come along to a virtual book club on Wednesday at lunchtime. If you wish to discuss this with your son or daughter, they will have received the link to register, but it is presented here again for your easy access: [form](#) – complete this and the link will be emailed on Wednesday.

Years 10 & 12 – Morrisby Update

This week all students will receive a link to complete the Morrisby Profiling that I spoke of last week. Students will complete this assessment and a report will then be given, as well as an interview with either Ms Sykes or Ms Timmerman (most likely over the phone or online).

Year 12 Students:

[Linked is the information](#) regarding Year 12 and the arrangements for Major Works. We are still waiting on NESA to provide further information about the HSC and assessments.



The challenges we face are unprecedented and unpredictable. We are very appreciative of all your messages of encouragement and gratitude.

Continue to be kind, patient and supportive of one another. Remember we are all in this together.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AF Gleeson'.

AF Gleeson
College Principal