

Thursday 15th May, 2020
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Dear Parents/Care-givers,

Today marks 31 school days since we have been affected by Covid19.

This week we have had the pleasure of reconnecting with your young people face-to-face, some faces on a very regular basis. I trust they found reconnecting with their friends of great benefit and no doubt their various teachers as well.

As has been the policy through this *Covid lockdown*, any student has been welcome every day on campus if they chose to attend. Tomorrow, Friday 15 May, we will have Year 9 students back with Year 12. Over these last few days, your young person has had access to their class/subject teachers on campus. There will be exceptions; as like any workplace we have to cater to the various needs of staff who are also managing this Covid environment and as an employer we need to ensure the safety and wellbeing of not only our students but also our staff.

We are working on the processes and procedures for a full return to College by all our students, *flagged for Monday 25th May - Day 1 of the PreCovid19 Timetable.*

After speaking with many students, staff and parents, this pandemic and its consequences has given us all new experiences, not only on a personal level but also in the way we teach and the way we learn. There has been a wide variety of reactions and new learnings by students, staff and parents/care-givers. To be honest, these range from challenging to very supportive.

I would like to capture these learnings and see what benefits can be reaped. Over 500 people completed our last survey which centred around transforming a 5 subject day from school and transposing it into your home. A far better model of delivery was developed - which better met the needs of all three partners in St Leo's education (your young person, the parent/care-giver and teacher). I would like to flag a second survey (to be sent out mid next week) about the learnings of this experience from both your perspective and that of your young person. The data will be gathered and discussed, amongst all parties to see how we can improve the delivery of the curriculum to your young person.

I hope that in the near future we are able instigate any evidence based learnings that would further the outcomes of our students. More next week.

Welcome to Year 9 tomorrow; a day to reconnect with your friends and learn about the wonderful world of numbers! I personally look forward to exploring *Indices* with my newly acquired Mathematics class!

A reminder the entrance to the College is via Woolcott Ave only (last day of this tomorrow), bring food/refreshments and your headphones!

For the rest of the College, Year 12 have Studies of Religion / Studies in Catholic Thought. Each Year 12 student will also be meeting with a member of the College Leadership Team as they commence their first task (receiving their Revised Assessment Task Schedule) of the *Passion into Excellence 2020 Program*. And of course all other students are welcome as well.

On behalf of the College staff, I would like to thank you for your cooperation, patience, gratitude and recognise you for the love you offer our young people. This has been a challenging time and may well be into the future, but together we are finding workable solutions and supporting our young people. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts.

We strive to be a people of Hope, and as we begin to emerge from this pandemic, we do so in the caring hands of God and in the strong company of our faith filled Christian learning community.

If you have any concerns or questions - please don't hesitate to contact the College on 9487 3555 or orsteos@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Best wishes

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

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College Principal