



St Munchin's Catholic School

20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support of our school in our managing the COVID-19 virus concerns that we are all confronting at the moment. So far this term our staff have provided very supportive and engaging classroom environments with very few changes to the learning of all students. They continue to do this whilst accommodating various practices which provide the safest learning community that we can create here at St Munchin's. I thank them sincerely for their efforts and the important role that they are playing in these uncertain times.

As you are well-aware, the situation and recommendations regarding management of COVID-19 are changing daily, and we are prepared and responsive to these needs as they arise. Our priority is, and will continue to be, duty of care for our students.

Presently, there is no need for you remove your children from school. If you feel that there are individual health concerns that make your child or family more vulnerable to the covid-19, you may of course do so. Please maintain the proper procedures of informing your class teacher in writing of your intentions. If you do choose to keep your child/children at home, please be aware that the class teachers will not be asked to present an ongoing collection of work to be completed at home. Their role as directed by CEWA, is to maintain the rigorous educational requirements at school.

Along with the hand washing, coughing and sneezing practices, and social distancing protocols we are endorsing in each classroom, the following initiatives have also been established at the school.

- Desks will be set up in rows in classrooms where possible and students will remain at one desk throughout the day
- Desks, door handles and commonly touched surfaces in each classroom will be wiped with disinfectant throughout the day
- The reception counter and common areas in the office will be provided with hand sanitiser and wiped with disinfectant throughout the day
- Students will be encouraged to fill their water bottles rather than drink from the fountains around the school. These water fountains will also receive regular cleaning with disinfectant throughout the day
- Excursions and incursions will continue to be postponed or cancelled and the participation in Edudance during Term Two is under review
- All celebrations of the sacraments for 2020 are temporarily suspended
- Both Junior and Senior choirs will have a break from morning practice until further notice



- At this stage, the school photos due to take place in week 10 will still go ahead, with individual portraits being combined to create the class photos. Family photos if desired will be taken as normal.

Finally, I would request that parents refrain from entering their children's class rooms over the next few weeks as fewer people on the school premises will help us manage social distancing and hygiene procedures.

When this is over,
May we never again
Take for granted
full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine check up
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way.

Words from Kelly Fanucci (facebook)

Thank you again for your ongoing support



Joe Musitano
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