

Dear Parents,

These are strange times and every part of society is being affected.

CCSC teachers have been working hard over the past 3 weeks to develop a blended curriculum format so children are not disadvantaged and can participate in lessons from home.

Whilst the classrooms are still operating as normal we have decided for the remainder of this term across K-8, to begin and end each day with a virtual Homeroom. Some Stages have been trialling it over the past week and we feel confident that it is working well enough to roll out to the whole K-8 community.

The purpose of this is for the students to keep in contact with each other and maintain that sense of community. It will also provide an opportunity for your child's teacher to check-in with each student and set some work goals for the day. This will also provide them with a forum to ask questions in relation to the workflow for that day. The afternoon check-in will effectively be a review of how their day of learning and living went.

We understand the impact remote learning can have on parents and because of this, the teachers will also be making themselves available to answer academic questions during parts of the day for the rest of this term.

Each Homeroom teacher will be in contact next week to discuss the timeslot they will be accessible.

We will also be providing more information on the Zoom video conferencing and Google Classroom platform. Our intention is to guide you through the setup and use of both of these platforms. Please keep a lookout for this next week.

We are currently testing platforms and writing curriculum for Term 2. The good news is that the Term 2 curriculum delivery will provide significantly more opportunities for face to face contact and explicit teaching of lessons with your child's teacher. Whilst the students will still be encouraged to work independently through various online platforms and booklets the teachers will start teaching various Key Learning Areas through Zoom and Google Classroom. We will continue to run the morning and afternoon homerooms.

Before the end of this term, I will communicate more information in relation to the remote learning timetable along with the platforms and workflow we intend to use for delivering academics. We are hopeful we may be able to beta test some of these classes before the term break.

Any learning content or daily workflow planners will not be released until the start of Term 2.

We hope everyone is coping with the current crisis and you are enjoying being your child's teacher. I know the K-8 teachers do miss the students that have self-isolated.

Now is a time for everyone to pull together and support each other and CCSC intends to do our utmost in terms of your child's education so please keep the communication lines open.

Take care and please keep a lookout for more information in the next few weeks in relation to the remote academic program for Term 2.

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