

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Northside Christian College Closure

Thank you for the support you have shown the College. We are in extraordinary times and appreciate the way you are pulling together as a community.

The Government has just today announced a range of broader restrictions which will see non-essential activity curtailed and Victorian school holidays brought forward from this coming Friday to commence Tuesday 24th March.

In line with this, Northside Christian College will close at 3:25pm on Monday 23rd March.

The College is ***well advanced in the planning*** for the possibility of a prolonged closure but the Prime Minister has indicated that schools will re-open after the Easter holidays subject to further advice from the Health Minister.

For the remainder of the week (Tuesday to Friday), the College will transition into a phase where all students continue to learn remotely from home. In order to be effectively prepared for this remote learning from home, it is important that students attend school tomorrow (Monday 23rd March) so that we can make sure they have everything they need to take home for what could potentially be a prolonged period of remote learning. If your child is absent from school, parents may visit the College at the end of the day to collect any important items for them.

Tuesday 24th March will be classed as a Curriculum Day.

Later in the week, students will receive (either directly or through parents) some remote learning activities which they will be expected to complete before the end of the week. These remote, home based activities will help ensure that students continue to learn right up to the originally scheduled holidays and also act as a “rehearsal” for continued and prolonged remote learning in the event that the College does not re-open immediately after the Easter holidays.

Expectations will be slightly different for each year level and we will be sharing more about this in due course. Please be assured that the school is working to ***prepare for all contingencies***. We will ensure your child has all they need to continue their learning and achieve their learning outcomes. We will continue to update you as more information comes to hand.

Yours sincerely



Damian Higgins
Principal