



CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Remote Learning Update

As we begin the third week of Remote Learning we celebrate the levels of engagement and commitment from our students, parents and teachers. This new model of delivering quality education is not without its challenges, however at Catholic College Sale, we feel we are well prepared and continuing to refine and improve our practices.

A number of students are working on site and are very well supported by our Learning Support Officers and teacher/librarians. If you feel that your family needs the support of your child being on site, please do not hesitate to register their attendance at [On-Site Learning intention form \(click here\)](#). A reminder that on-site learning is the same as Remote Learning but with enthusiastic support and supervision.

To allow students to have more time to be off their devices, it has been decided that our Period five lesson on a Wednesday will move to period four. All Pastoral teachers and Learner Advisors will have a brief teleconference with students at the start of the day and then encourage students to get away from the screen and be active from 1.30pm each Wednesday. This proposal was brought to us by our Student Leadership and we have found their feedback to be a valuable resource during this time.

We have had a small number of students being overwhelmed by remote learning. This has been compounded in some instances, by combining school hours with part time jobs. We would like to remind families that legally, the employer cannot request students work within the designated school day. As always, if your child is not coping and would like extra support from our counsellors, please use the counsellor link on SIMON.

In relation to students learning and assessment, can I please ask parents to reinforce with students that they need **to thoroughly read the instruction left by teachers on class notices**, prior to reaching out for help. This ensures teachers can devote more time to class interaction. As there are a lot of questions and responses required by teachers, marking of assessment tasks, in some cases, may take a little longer than normal. However, rest assured that teachers are working diligently to give your child feedback as soon as possible.

Advice from our I.T. department to students using Zoom for meetings;

“Please ensure that you sign into Zoom, by clicking “Sign in with Google” (on the right hand side of your Zoom login screen) before clicking on teacher meeting links.

It is not sufficient to just sign into your Chromebook or your Google browser, you must also sign into Zoom separately with your Google account”.

I remind families that if you are experiencing financial difficulties with your commitment to the College, please contact the College for assistance.

Yours sincerely

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