

April 9th, 2020

Dear Parents and Families of Sacred Heart School.

It's been a very different Term 1 break for you I'm sure but no doubt there have been many lovely advantages of the family downtime brought about through self-isolating!

Following the announcement made by the Victorian Government, I want to assure you that Sacred Heart School is well prepared for the coming term. Your child's education is really important to you, your child and all at Sacred Heart. Term 2 will be very different. Sacred Heart School, like other schools has never done learning from home before so as prepared as we are, I'm sure there will be some difficulties and a few mistakes made and corrected. However, with the support of each other, patience and good communication I'm sure the community of Sacred Heart will come through this and your children's wellbeing, self-esteem and engagement in learning will be as strong and positive as ever.

At the end of last term, classroom teachers spent time planning and putting together learning packs to support their students and families into remote learning. Please find attached some important information regarding this.

iPads and Learning Packs available

One school iPad will be made available to each Sacred Heart School family for Learning at Home. We ask that families read all the necessary documentation and expectations very carefully. Most importantly, we strongly expect the iPad to be treated with care and only used for school learning purposes.

Learning packs will be made available to students depending on their year level and how that year level has structured learning tasks. Some year levels have more items than others.

iPad Agreement – Parent/caregiver read and signed

Attached to this email is the COVID19 iPad Deployment Agreement. Before signing the iPad Agreement, it is the responsibility of the parent to have either read the electronic copy, or read the paper copy handed out upon collection.

Families with a student in Year 5/6 will already have access to a school iPad and will have already signed the iPad Agreement.

Collection of iPads and Learning Packs

Families will be able to collect their family issued iPad and Student Learning Pack from the Mercy Centre Foyer.

Dates: Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April

Times: 10am - 4pm [Tuesday] 9am – 4pm [Wednesday]

Please notify the school if these times are not possible for you to collect your pack.

Location: Mercy Centre Foyer near the Labyrinth

We will of course have risk reducing measures in place and we ask parents to follow these carefully in order to keep the community safe:

1. Please practise social distancing at all times
2. Follow the signage and instructions
3. One parent from each family only
4. Only parent will be served at a time
5. No children to be onsite please (for safety reasons)
6. Packs cannot be collected for other families
7. Please bring your own pen to sign the iPad Agreement

Absence

During Learning at Home, families are asked to complete an absence form on the School App if their child is sick or not learning on that day. As a guide, if school was open and the child would not be attending school on that day, an absence form needs to be completed. Teachers will mark their class role each day.

Communication

We are all blessed to belong to a strong, supportive school community. Please know that during this time we are here to support all families however we can. Please also remember that we can support each other and that families can check-in with each other to maintain connections while not physically at school. I will be providing ongoing communication with families as we settle back into the new term.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter and we are looking forward to commencing Term 2.

Thank you for your ongoing support
Pauline Hindson

Principal