



CHRISTIES BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

25 March 2020

Dear Families

I commence this update by acknowledging the rapid rate of change we are all experiencing in the way we engage with others and participate in all the things we each value so much in personal interactions – families, friendship groups and all the activities that complete our individual life stories.

Our school is playing a vital role in maintaining a level of consistency in the lives of children and young people, doing all we can to maintain continuation of high quality teaching and learning programs for every child in our care.

I want to expressly thank our team of dedicated staff: teachers, support staff, grounds staff, cleaners, canteen management and all the other support services continuing their work with children at the heart of their purpose. They, along with parents, caregivers and people working in many essential services in our community are the heroes through these times who must be applauded.

I'm sure you are keeping up-to-date with announcements about school operations. For now and the foreseeable future schools will remain open and be a place of structured learning for all students to access. Our priority is ensuring that every child continues to engage in the learning program that has been so carefully designed for their current needs.

The way this occurs may look different for students accessing learning in a variety of ways, either face-to-face or through remote means. This shift is new for us all, and our work is now focused on creating effective ways for continuation of learning. This begins with ramping up our use of the Daymap Learning Management System, providing hard copy resources where possible and exploring ways to engage directly with students who are working off-site. It's important that we continue a strong partnership between school and home, as the decision to keep children at home during this time means we expect learning to continue in the home environment.

To support this, we have a few processes falling into place:

- making direct contact with every student not attending school, via Daymap, email or telephone to monitor learning progress and checking access capabilities
- increasing the range of learning materials available online
- checking to see how many students don't have access to technology or internet in their home environment and creating ways to close those gaps
- continuing structured learning programs through typical face-to-face means with all students attending school



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- reducing the number of people accessing the school for non-essential matters
- promoting positive initiatives including social distancing, personal hygiene, monitoring wellbeing and supporting students to understand the impacts of COVID-19 on our world.

If you have made the choice to keep children home from school, please let us know so that absence records can be updated and absentee messages are not sent.

We will work through this period and get to the other end successfully when we work together to continue learning for every child, while monitoring and maintaining the wellbeing of ourselves and those around us. Please make direct contact for any support or additional information. Our team of dedicated staff are ready to assist in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Graham Clark', written in a cursive style.

Graham Clark
Principal