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Dear Emmaus families,

Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #22

Our first week back was very successful with approximately 75% of our students returning. Today we had 85% of students back and there is a sense that things are starting to get back to normal – albeit a new normal!

Student transition back to school in Term 2

With most of our students back at school, it is becoming very difficult to maintain two modes of teaching delivery (home learning and face to face). From the end of this week we will again turn our focus to the students in our classrooms. Learning will still be provided for any students at home but there will not be daily videos.

Parents please leave your children at the gate or Kiss and Drop area

Whether you drive your children to and from school, or walk to school, for now we need all parents and carers to drop children off at the gates or Kiss and Drop area. In the afternoon, we ask that you wait at the gates or Kiss and Drop, for your children to come to you. There have been some comments made to me about parents coming into the yard unnecessarily. To maintain best social distancing practice, please follow the advice outlined above and do not remain on site to socialise with other parents. In this way we are being consistent and all doing our best to ensure a safe environment for our students, staff and families.

Kiss and Drop

With more parents using the Kiss and drop in the mornings and afternoons, we ask that parents using this facility, remain in the car. If your child is unable to enter and exit the car independently (yet), we ask that you park and walk your child across the zebra crossing. In this way, we will maintain the flow of traffic and reduce the likelihood of an accident on Todd street, with cars queuing to get into the carpark.

OSHC Bookings

We were informed last week that some staff at our school are eligible for the JobKeeper payments. This does improve our situation in OSHC, where one staff member is eligible. Under the new Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package, our service is still running at a loss however, while we await advice and hopefully additional funding, we have returned to a two staff service. Sessions are now capped at 29. Priority for sessions will still be given to essential workers on the front line and those going to their workplace to work. All sessions are now casual and pre-existing permanent bookings have been cancelled. Until further notice, all families wanting to use the service will need to book their children in for each session.

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations

Last term we were due to hold our Parent /Teacher /Student learning Conversations. These did not occur due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We will be proceeding with these meetings this term, beginning next Monday. Meetings will be offered over a two week period from Monday 11th May – Thursday 21st May. Students in year 3-6 will meet with their parents/caregiver and teacher/s via video conference. Parents of students in Rec-Yr 2 will be contacted by their child's teacher/s for a phone meeting.

Parents will be invited to book-in for one of these parent/teacher/student learning conferences, using the online booking tool. Further information will go to all families on Wednesday this week and bookings will open the same day. Links for video conference meetings will be emailed to parents when a booking has been made.

All the news

All these COVID-19 updates have been saved to our website.

<https://www.emmaus.catholic.edu.au/news-events/covid-19-emmaus-updates> The Fee Remission Form can also be found under the Enrolment Tab – ‘School Fees’ section of the website.

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Catherine Gurr

Principal

4th May 2020