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ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 SHUTDOWN UPDATE

Thank you for your patience while we waited for any additional updates this evening.

As the Premier announced this afternoon, it seems we will be heading off a little early for our Easter Holidays this year, so that the important social-isolating policies can be more fully enacted.

Assumption College will be open tomorrow (Monday) for classes as normal, however we understand and respect that many families will want to keep their children home. This will be appreciated by us as we collapse classes to allow our teachers to ensure social isolating and better plan for a potential extended period of absence and/or for the beginning of Term 2. We appreciate however that some families will need to send your children to school tomorrow, and we especially look forward to the privilege of serving the families with parent-workers in Essential Services.

Please be advised that all Unit 1 and 3 SACs have been postponed until a later date. Our Senior School Coordinator will communicate directly with students about this.

REMOTE LEARNING

As much as possible, teachers will use tomorrow to test our online systems. If you choose to keep your child at home, please ask them to keep a close eye on their emails throughout the day, and to attend any online classes or meetings that are scheduled for them. Please impress on your child the need to build a new type of self-discipline so as to start well with Assumption@Home. Their attitude and positive mindset will go a long way to ensuring that their work is meaningful and engaging.

If your child is experiencing problems with their computer or accessing the online programs, please have them email ict@assumption.vic.edu.au and our team will work with them to help solve the issue. There will be a drop-off procedure for those that need to return their computer for a period of in-house maintenance. We would also like to put out a final call for those families with limited or no internet service at home to let us know that this is the case. This will help us prepare resources for your family as best possible.

I will have further information for you tomorrow about our shut-down procedures for the holidays, and a number of our key staff will be on hand to assist you with any enquiries over the coming days. We have new challenges ahead of us, but I am extremely confident that our community can support each other with care and tremendous spirit.

On a lighter note, after noticing relatives, friends and some of you getting anxious and frustrated about the idea of schooling from home, I wrote the attached piece today. I hope you enjoy it.

Peace & Blessings,

Kate Fogarty
Principal

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