

# EMMAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Emmaus Catholic Primary School has a commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of children.

FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL'S DESK  
your weekly update on our  
school community

**Thursday 7th May, 2020**

The school Newsletter will be published fortnightly on the school website. Notifications are sent to the Emmaus App when published.

Dear Parents,

We are all so proud of all the learning that is being done at home. We have seen wonderful writing, excellent reading, challenging maths, amazing Italian and plenty more being done at home. Parents, you are completing wonderful learning with your children. You are finding your way through Hapara - our learning platform (which has had its own technical difficulties this week), juggling emails and conference calls, deciphering learning tasks and giving feedback, all while continuing your normal tasks and even working from home. We are very grateful for your partnership. Just a little reminder to children and parents to check your emails regularly.

Parents, remember to be kind to yourselves. Your child does not need to get through everything, every week. All children are different - some take longer than others, some don't like writing and some don't like maths - just make it work for your child and your family. Some days are more challenging than others for a myriad of reasons and we understand. Just do what you can, when you can. School learning is important but our wellbeing is far more important.

We really miss the children and the parents and carers. Schools are certainly not the same without children! We miss their gorgeous smiles and the sound of laughter. However, we know that this time will pass and we will all be back at school when it is safe to do so. Some parents are asking when this will be. We hear what is going to happen in schools from the media when you do. Then we need to wait for direction from Catholic Education Melbourne. Know that we will notify you as soon as plans are in place to suit our context at Emmaus.

The teachers have had a wonderful time this week chatting with students in their video conference calls. Next week we are very excited to be able to chat in larger class groups. We look forward to many students taking this opportunity to talk to their teachers and to see their friends as well as continuing their learning from home.

We would like to wish all mums and carers a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday. We know this day will be a little different for all of us but as we have found out over the past few months, technology is a wonderful way to connect and to show our mums and carers how much we love them.

Take care and stay safe,

Jackie

## [2021 EMMAUS ENROLMENTS](#)

We will be holding interviews for our 2021 Foundation enrolments over the coming weeks. For existing families, this will take the form of a phone call with Jackie and Lorraine. We will meet with our new families exercising social distancing requirements.

## [YEAR 5 SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS](#)

The enrolment forms are due at CRC North Keilor, Caroline Springs and St Albans in August. You do not require the Parish Priest's signature during these times. Your forms can be handed directly to the college.

See attached flyer for CRC North Keilor.

## [SCHOOL FEES](#)

### **Term 2 school fees are now overdue.**

School fees are essential to our existence. Our school fees are one of the lowest in our area, and we endeavour to keep them as affordable as possible. We understand children are learning at home during this time and parents are supervising the learning. However, as a school we are doing all we can to facilitate the ongoing education of our students and we are still required to pay our ongoing costs. Our teachers are actually working harder than ever before.

We are aware of hardships being experienced across our community. We are here for parents who do not qualify for the health care card discount but who are experiencing financial difficulties during this time. Arrangements can be made with Jackie Byrne, the Principal of Emmaus. We appreciate how difficult it is for parents to come forward with financial concerns but we will ensure each case is handled with care and discretion.

## [ICT UPDATE](#)

### **Google Meet Class Conference Calls**

Throughout this last week, teachers have been meeting with individual students using Google Meet. The calls have been working well and the staff have loved seeing the students, hearing their voices and sharing what they have been up to.

Next week, teachers will be hosting whole class check-ins via Google Meet. This will be a time for students to learn how to use Google Meet as a group. It will be an opportunity for the students to see each other as well as their classroom teachers. They will learn how to take turns and listen to one another during a video conference call.

There will be two sessions per day on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

Children can choose to connect to one or both of these calls.

Times for these calls are:

**Prep Classes:** 10am and 2pm

**Year 1 and 2 Classes:** 10:30am and 2:30pm

**Year 3 and 4 Classes:** 9:30am and 1:30pm

**Year 5 and 6 Classes:** 9am and 1pm

The Teachers will email the students the codes (nicknames) for the sessions.

A parent/carer will also need to be present during these calls.

### **Also:**

Hapara is currently having some outage issues which means some users may experience drop outs. We have contacted Hapara and the issues are across other schools too. Their engineers are working on these issues. Hopefully things will run smoother in the coming days. We thank you for your continued patience on this matter.

A reminder that students are not permitted to email other students. Student emails are monitored by staff. We will contact you if we notice any unusual activity.

Photos are unable to be taken of the Google Meet sessions.

Helpful hint: If you have a School MacBook it is a good idea to do a complete shut down at the end of each day after using it. This will help your Mac to run smoothly.

## [PARISH MASS](#)

Mass is available through STREAMING AND TV in our Parish.

We live stream Sunday Mass each weekend from our Parish starting on Saturdays at 5.00 pm. Use SHEPARISH on YouTube and Facebook





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# 2020 Year of Compassion

*'The Lord is good to all; He has compassion...'* Psalm 145:9

1 May 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians

We have recently received a number of enquiries regarding the enrolment process for students currently in Grade 5. Due to current restrictions related to COVID-19 there has been changes to the enrolment process as outlined below.

1. The requirement to obtain a 'Parish Recommendation' on the Application for Enrolment Form has been waived. Forms can be submitted without the signature of the Parish Priest.
2. To minimise visitors to the College, please **post** or **email** the Application for Enrolment Form, attention to the College Registrar, Mrs Samantha Beg. Post to: CRC North Keilor, PO BOX 40, TAYLORS LAKES VIC 3038; or email: [office@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@crcnk.vic.edu.au)
3. The **Grade 5 Information Night - 2020 PowerPoint Presentation**, which includes information on the College Wellbeing Structure, Curriculum and the Enrolment process, has been added to the College website. Please visit [www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/Year-7-2022](http://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/Year-7-2022) to view the presentation. A video featuring a welcome from me, an introduction by some current Year 7 students and a snapshot of College highlights of 2019, which I am certain you will find most interesting, has also been added.
4. All scheduled **College Tours** have been cancelled. Once we are able to host visitors at the College, tours will recommence. We are aware that post 'isolation', families may be reluctant to take time off work and/or have their children take time away from the classroom, and as such, the College will offer a number of tour options.

**Option 1 - Our regular school tour:** This tour runs on a school day, commencing at 9.15am, and finishing at approximately 11am. The tour includes an introduction by the College Principal, a presentation, a tour of the College grounds and facilities, and an opportunity to chat with Leadership and Enrolment staff and student ambassadors over morning tea.

**Option 2 - An 'after hours' tour:** This tour will provide a shortened version of our regular morning tour. Families will receive a presentation by the College Development Officer, Mr Manny Gambin, followed by a tour of the school grounds and facilities. This tour will occur outside of school hours so as to minimise disruption to work and/or school commitments. Please be aware that with this tour you will not have the opportunity to meet Leadership staff or student ambassadors. If you do have questions following the tour, you will be more than welcome to contact the relevant staff at a later date.

To register your interest in attending a school tour please complete the Tour Registration at:

[www.crcnk.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours](http://www.crcnk.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours)

Thank you once again for your interest in enrolment at CRC North Keilor. I look forward to meeting you and your family in the not too distant future. Stay safe and may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tullio Zavattiero'.

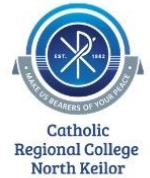
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# CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE NORTH KEILOR

## *Enrolment Update - Year 7, 2022*



### *Application for Enrolment Form*

- Available to download from College Website
- Parish Priest Recommendation is NOT required
- Submit via Post or Email

### *Information PowerPoint*

- Available to view on College Website
- Curriculum, Wellbeing and Information
- Enrolment Process and Criteria Explained

### *College Tours*

- Will resume when school re-opens
- Morning Tour on School Days 9.15am - 11am
- After Hours Tours
- Register interest on College Website

### *CRCNK Highlights Video*

- Principal's Welcome
- Student Endorsements
- Highlights of 2019
- Available to view on College Website

### *Key Staff*

- Samantha Beg - Registrar
- Manny Gambin - Community Liaison Coordinator
- Tullio Zavattiero - Principal
- Brendan Hallinan - Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning
- John Coshan - Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing
- Learning Diversity - Debbie Kirk-Brittain

### *Contact*

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