



LEARNING UPDATE - 18

Friday, 9th October, 2020

*Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and **learning**.*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday, 13th October**.

On Monday our teachers are working together to ensure effective organisation for improved learning. Part of the day will be dedicated to exploring the need for timely and effective feedback and improving students' key skills.

Almighty God,
We give you our school.
We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,
We give you all the children who study here.
We pray our school is a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.
May it be a place where we love to learn
and where we learn to love,
A place where everyone is respected,
and all are deeply valued.
We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
St Clare, Pray for Us.

Please be reminded that students are to wear full school uniform.

Summer Uniform (Mondays-Wednesday and Friday)



Please note: skirt must be knee length. Blazer may be worn. Girls to wear St Clare's school socks or plain white socks. Sport jackets are not permitted with this uniform. We also recommend that students wear the school hat for sun protection when outdoors. Non uniform hats are not to be worn.

All non uniform items e.g. hoodies, hats, Bring it On jackets, will be confiscated when worn in place of the St Clare's uniform.

It will be important for students to start the new term well. To do this, we ask that you encourage your children to take some time over the weekend to prepare and organise themselves. This includes organising their uniform items, packing their school bag with school resources including their School Planner, laptop and charger, workbooks and stationery.



Student Punctuality

Please be aware that we will maintain our strong expectation that students arrive at school on time. We would like to thank parents who have made an effort to get their children to school earlier than was previously the case. This has made a difference. Please be aware that very few of our students are now late to school.

Students should be at school by 8.15am

If there is a genuine reason that your child is late to school please provide them with a note of explanation. Please ensure that you put a date on this note. A number of students have been forging parent/caregivers signatures. We will be responding strongly to this behaviour this term. You will be contacted if this is the case.

Year 12 Update

This week, we offer special prayers for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC examinations commencing in week 2 of this term. Parents/carers may like to look at our Bishop's [special address](#) to HSC students, shared with them late last term.

Year 12 students do not have lessons this week. They are required on site on Tuesday and Wednesday morning only. Students can use our school Library for study purposes.

Year 12 students will receive their School Semester 2 Report on Wednesday, when the whole school population congratulates Year 12 students in a video assembly. Year 12 students must be in full school uniform for Wednesday's whole school video assembly.

Year 11 Update

Year 11 students commence their HSC course work this term. As students prepare for their last important year of learning at school, we would like to remind parents/carers that one of the biggest contributors to HSC success is attendance. This of course, means that students are ready to learn and participate each and every day. If students are unwell, they should take the necessary precautions. This includes seeking medical attention and obtaining a Doctor's Certificate.

For further information from NESAs about the HSC, parents/carers may like to look at [this site](#). We will provide some further information in coming weeks for parents/carers who would like further information about Year 12 and the HSC.

Year 11 students can expect their Year 11 Semester 2 Report in coming weeks.

Year 10 Update

This term, students will finalise their Year 10 *Record of School Achievement* (RoSA) grades. Parents/carers can learn more about RoSA [here](#).

Students going on to Year 11 and 12 at St Clare's or elsewhere, will have some important responsibilities this term, including completing mandatory NESA requirements in preparation for senior study. It will be important that Year 10 students attend school every day and participate in all assigned activities to meet their RoSA and NESA expectations.

Students should now have finalised their 2021 plans and communicated with the school. Please remember that students transferring schools must complete a Leavers Form and attach their Confirmation of School Acceptance. Students taking on apprenticeships or full time employment must complete a Leavers Form and attach their Confirmation of Employment.



Year 7 - 9 Update

We would like to remind parents/carers that the majority of students' assessment and feedback to improve happens in lesson time. We want students to know that all learning activities completed in lesson time are important. Students should always be aware of what they're working on and

what they can do to get better. If at any time, you or your child feels unsure of this, please do not hesitate to email the appropriate teacher (see email addresses below).

Starting the Day Well

Every Tuesday, students can take advantage of our school's breakfast offering. We know the importance of a good start to enable learning and we enjoy helping where we can.

Please find more information [HERE](#).



Keep Up to Date

Don't forget that you can get more information about our school by following our Facebook page which is regularly updated with photos and pictures.



Cyber Safety

As we all navigate a world that is increasingly 'online', it is important that we give the young people in our care skills so they may make safe and healthy choices when using the Internet and technology. This is not easy. Parents/carers may wish to become familiar with useful websites such as *ThinkUKnow*, in particular the parent/carer advice and tips in the ['See, Say and Do'](#) program.

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