



LEARNING UPDATE - 4

Friday, 12 February, 2021

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



“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Earlier this week we became aware one of our Assistant-Principals, **Ms Shauna Nash**, has been appointed as the **Acting Principal at Cerdon College** for the rest of this term. I know that many of you would have had contact with Ms Nash and would understand the very special leader she has been at our school. This appointment is an indication of how she is valued professionally. The community at Cerdon has been gifted with a very special educator to take over the leadership of their school. We look forward to Ms Nash’s return at the start of Term 2.

This appointment has, of course, necessitated some changes in appointments in our own Leadership Team. Applications have been invited and interviews will continue to be conducted early next week. For the rest of this term the school will function with Ms Hayley Lalor as our sole Assistant-Principal. We have made two significant appointments to join our Leadership Team from next week:

- **Mr Tim Woodbine** has been appointed as Head of Learning
- **Ms Nikki Valleri** has been appointed as Head of Wellbeing.

More detail will be provided next week about these roles. These appointments have led to some other appointments which will be finalised by Wednesday next week.

We are pleased to say that we continue to enjoy a very good start to the new school year.

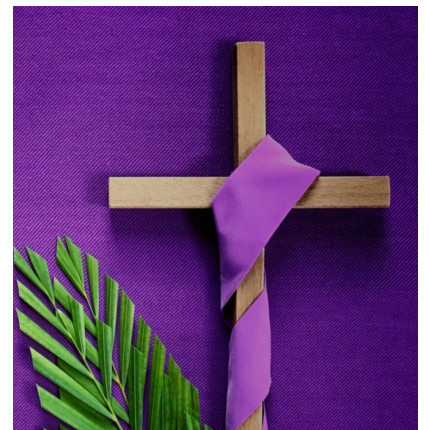
Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

Next week, we will be celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday as we begin the Season of Lent. The Season of Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and charity as we prepare for and remember Christ’s Crucifixion and Resurrection.

We invite you to pray:

*As the season of Lent begins, help us Lord, to always walk in your light.
Help us to be attentive to our prayers, honest in our fast and generous
in our works of charity.*

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen





Project Compassion

As a school community, we will once again be supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Lenten Appeal. The theme for 2021 is "Be More" and encourages us to contribute to the flourishing of those living in poverty. Be on the lookout for opportunities to participate in this year's Project Compassion Campaign led by our amazing Social Justice Team.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday the 9th February was *Safer Internet Day*. This day helps us to remember both the advantages and disadvantages of the online world. It serves to remind us all, as parents, carers and educators of the young people in our community, that we must regularly discuss safe internet and technology use. Parents/carers are encouraged to become familiar with information and resources which can be of assistance. Please see the website below for more information.



<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues>

Year 7 Update

This week a number of our staff took Year 7 students to a two night camp. We thank these staff for giving up time with their families and the comforts of their homes, to give our Year 7 cohort the opportunity to go on camp as a group. Parents/carers are encouraged to check out our Facebook page for some photos and updates.



Swimming Carnival Decision

Thursday 25th February was set down for our annual school swimming carnival. Due to Covid19 NSW Health advice, we have made the difficult decision to make this a 'competitors only' event. This means that all swimmers keen to participate will sign up for their preferred races and go to the pool as planned on this day. All non-swimmers will have a regular school day. More information will be provided later this month.

Reminder

Please be reminded that students who display any symptoms of being unwell must remain at home and get a CoVid test. We know the importance of attendance on students' learning and we thank parents for their support in getting students to school each and every day. However, it is important that students take the necessary precautions and seek medical attention if they become unwell. The Misadventure Policy for students in Year 10 to 12 is summarised [HERE](#) for your information.

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