



LEARNING UPDATE - 27

Friday, 13 August, 2021

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

Feast of St Clare - 11 August

Feast Days in the Catholic Church are days set aside to remember, honour and celebrate the lives of Saints.



On the Feast of St Clare, we remember her life and the guidance it has provided us, as a school named in her honour and dedicated to her example. It is bittersweet that for a second year, our celebrations of the Feast of St Clare had to be modified for our current context. We shared “what St Clare means to me?” in a video titled “[Our Saint Clare](#)” as well as a [video-Liturgy](#) for her Feast Day.

We invite everyone in our community to pray for the intercession of St Clare so, although separated physically, we can be joined spiritually in prayer. *Happy Clare Day!*

From Bishop Vincent

Please see Bishop Vincent’s most recent pastoral letter [HERE](#).

Dear Parents/Carers,



NO BASKETBALL

NSW Health has informed us that in our local area there has been **COVID-19 spread between young people playing basketball**. It is very important that all of our families follow the COVID restrictions that apply in our local area. These restrictions also apply to other team sports. As you know we are living and working in an area of concern. **Please be safe.**

Looking after one another.

Over the rest of Term 3, **one Friday every fortnight**, we will not be running normal learning activities for our students in Years 7 - 11. There will be **no zoom meetings**, and **no additional activities** will be posted on Google Classroom on these days. This will take place on the following dates:

- Friday, 20th August (Week 6)
- Friday, 3rd September (Week 8)
- Friday, 17th September (Week 10)

For our students who have:

- engaged in their learning since the beginning of the lockdown;
 - we will be encouraging them to take a break and leave their device alone for a day.
- struggled to keep up in certain areas for a variety of reasons ;
 - these days will be opportunities to catch up and ensure they have produced evidence of their learning for each class.

Year 11 Exams - Postponed

In order to relieve some of the pressure on our students and staff during lockdown and ensure their safety ,we will be moving the Year 11 Alternative Assessment period back to the first two weeks of Term 4. This will not be an examination in the traditional sense, but rather a **timetabled assessment program** such as we have implemented for HSC students this term. More details will be provided for parents and students later this term.

Our school office is working in a completely contactless mode:

- **If you need to make a delivery** please identify yourself through the intercom at the gate, you will be given access to the site and will be able to place items for delivery on the trolley provided outside the office.
- **If you need to pick up material** please identify yourself and explain through the intercom and one of our office staff will place this on the trolley outside the office. You will then be given access to the site to take these items.



Student Data Validation

On Monday, 16 August, you will receive an email or SMS (for those parents without email) from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) asking you to review and, where necessary, update the key information they hold about your children currently enrolled in CEDP schools.

The purpose of this review is to ensure that CEDP has the right details to correctly identify and support students, including contacting families in an emergency or to share important updates.

Steps have been taken to ensure this process is as secure as possible to protect your information and your family's privacy. Your information is only accessed by authorised staff when it is necessary and in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

The link is open until Friday, 3 September and I encourage you to complete the review / update as soon as possible to ensure that your family's correct details are on file. This is particularly important as Greater Sydney remains in lockdown due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This [short "how to" video](#) may assist you with completing the process (use the closed caption icon to turn on subtitles). Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Only one person per family needs to complete the survey and it takes about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or to seek help, please contact the CEDP Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.



Information Webinar

CathWest Innovation College together with the Dept of Education are hosting an online event for our parents in Western Sydney on the careers of tomorrow post pandemic.

The aim is to accurately inform parents and instill confidence after the many challenges our workforce have experienced over the past 18 months. The 45min webinar will involve a panel of industry experts speaking about emerging employment trends post COVID-19 and how young people can become prepared for the careers of tomorrow. There will also be an opportunity for a Q and A. The industries have been carefully selected to represent the growth in Western Sydney.

Please click [here](#) for more information regarding the Webinar, or [here](#) for a short video about Cathwest Innovation College.

Useful contacts and services for parents and students as we navigate the extended lockdown.

These are challenging times and it is important that as a community we are all looking after our wellbeing, and the wellbeing of those around us. Below are the details of some organisations and groups that any members of the community can reach out to if they are concerned with how someone they know is coping in these uncertain times or indeed they need to speak to someone. Always remember contacting one of the agencies or groups is confidential. We all need help sometimes so never be afraid to ask for help, it is never a sign of weakness.

Kid's Helpline - 1800 55 1800

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Emergency Services - 000

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/get-help/webchat-counselling>

<https://headspace.org.au/>

[Click Here](#) for essential information for parents and carers

[Click Here](#) for updated services for children

We are here to help, so stay connected. We are all in this together.

I can't promise to fix
all your problems
But I can promise that
you won't face them
alone

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As a school we are committed to working with you to help your children navigate online learning. We know that at times everyone working from home can be difficult, but our teachers, although not in the classroom with your children, are working hard to produce engaging learning activities to ensure the learning continues. If your child is having difficulty with their work online, please encourage them to turn up to the zoom lessons with their teachers or get them to make contact via email or google classroom. We have a team of teachers who will make contact with you if there are concerns regarding your child's attendance online and their engagement with their learning.

When we connect with you this is not a judgement about how you are supporting your child in their learning, it is a reminder that we are all working together on the same goal of keeping your child learning even though we are separated by geography.

If there is a reason why your child is unable to connect online, eg, due to illness, etc, please ring the office and they will let staff know this. If there is no engagement for a period of time and we have not heard from you, this will be recorded as an unexplained absence until you make contact. Thank you as always for partnering with us to keep your child engaged and learning, **you are doing an amazing job.**

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