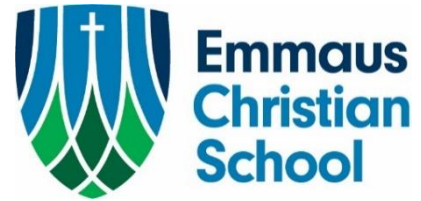


Daily Notice

Monday, 23 March 2020

3:00pm



Dear Emmaus Parents and Carers,

This information covers from tomorrow (24 March 2020) until the end of Term 1 (9 April 2020) inclusive. During this time, we will still provide you with daily updates sent via Skoolbag, e-mailed to your nominated e-mail addresses and uploaded to our school's website. The link to this page is: <https://www.emmaus.act.edu.au/daily-notes/>

Pupil-free days from 24 March 2020 until the Term 1 school holidays

As you are aware, the ACT Minister for Education announced that from Tuesday 24 March 2020 all ACT public schools will go pupil free until the school holidays, due to begin on Friday 10 April 2020.

Emmaus will be following the same recommendation.

During the pupil-free period, Emmaus will continue to have all staff working at the school so they can progress with creating online resources as well as potentially upskill staff in new ways of delivering the curriculum.

Students wishing to attend school 24 March – 9 April

If your child is unable to stay home and you wish them to attend school, we will have arrangements in place to enable them to do on-line learning at school and possibly some other activities.

There will NOT be regular time-tabled classes, but we will provide supervised spaces for students to work as well as to have recess and lunch.

We will be reinforcing with students the need to social distance and to maintain hygiene by regularly washing their hands and not touching others.

Arrangements from 24 March – 9 April

Secondary students who are coming to school from tomorrow (Tuesday 24 March) should gather each morning in the Secondary Courtyard and a roll will be taken so we know who is in the school. Primary students need to be waiting outside the steps of the library on the concrete slab please.

Students would then need to attend all day unless they have parental permission to go home from school at some point during the day via the Student Office. We would not permit students to go to the shops and then return to school.

Educational Delivery

It is important we can provide as much continuity as possible for each student's education. We want to support our students to remain connected to their current teachers as much as possible.

Given that young people generally thrive in a structured environment we would recommend that while your student is at home that they follow a learning pattern similar to their usual school day.

This may assist them to have a feeling of purpose and allow them to stay in the rhythm of learning. We understand that this will vary from student to student. Class work will be available via Google Classrooms.

Video Message

Finally, I have also recorded a 11-minute video message for your children today. They have watched it at school, and you may want to watch it at home but please don't expect a Hollywood style presentation. [Click on this link to access the message.](#)

Emmaus Preschool

Our preschool is a registered Long Day Care Service so there for Preschool comes under different regulations and will remain open. We will not be pupil free as the rest of the school.

In the event that we are closed we will work with the Health Department to cater for Essential Workers as directed by the Health Department.

Parents will still be able to get CCS.

Greetings and blessings,



Erik Hofsink
Principal