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26 June End of Term 2

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College Principal's Report

Paul Tozer

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

As different as this term is for everyone, and it is very different, the things that give us the greatest satisfaction and joy as staff remains the same. From our college and working remotely from our homes, we continue to see students achieve wonderful things. We are still experiencing those magic moments when the learning falls into place for a student or when they come up with a novel way to express their new found understandings. Teachers are also reporting an unexpected bonus of the remote learning model in students who are generally quiet and reserved in class finding their voice and being very active in communication. We hope that this will continue for these students when we re-enter our normal program.

As well as the information I receive from our wonderful team of staff at the college, I find our college Facebook page a great place to stay connected and to find out the latest school information. Staying in touch through keeping abreast the school news on Facebook, Compass or our website is even more important when we can not have the face to face communication that we generally value so much.

Over the course of the COVID 19 event these platforms have informed staff of our remote teaching program, coping with isolation tips and tricks, school and external wellbeing information, past student flashbacks and as mentioned, fantastic student achievements. One of my favourites has been our Grade 6 captain, Xander conducting an assembly for his family with a remote learning version of the school promise:

*I am standing with family and goats I care for and respect.
I will strive to do my best in remote learning
I will keep trying even if the internet is down
I will be responsible for my learning and feel very lucky to be living in Australia during this pandemic.*

I hope that isolation is going well for your family and the goats, Xander.



While information will continue to flow around our remote learning program, the social media team and many teachers will turn their attention to honouring our ANZAC hero's. It is brilliant that our new memorial plaques have been installed in time for ANZAC Day, which feature well researched and written pieces by a number of our students. The college is also supporting the "Light up the Dawn" initiative and encourages families to step outside their doors at dawn on ANZAC Day and observe a minute of silence.

I would like to thank our community once again for the spirit in which remote learning has been adopted and, as always, I encourage you to contact the college if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Stay Safe.

Secondary Principal's Report

Todd Woodfine

I would like to welcome back everyone to Term 2 and I hope students and families had the opportunity to take a break at some time during the Term 1 school holidays. I would like to begin by acknowledging the great work that our staff at our college have done over the past few weeks in preparing for this transition to remote and flexible learning.

I know that this transition presents challenges to our system and to students and families, however my colleagues are here to work with you in meeting these challenges. We are always reviewing and assessing our remote learning procedures so we can continue to provide the best educational opportunities for all of our students. I really appreciate the patience and support that our students and families have displayed over the past two weeks. Thank you.

I have included some important points to consider when teaching kids at home. I have also called upon our college captains to provide their support and encouragement for you to reflect upon throughout these challenging times.

Learning From Home:

Keep in touch with your school

Our school and teachers have established online learning facilities or have distributed work for those without internet access. Make sure to read everything we send home and try to incorporate these resources into your planning where possible.

Limit the screen time

While there are many great online learning options, remember to give kids plenty of regular breaks from time in front of the screen.

Exercise

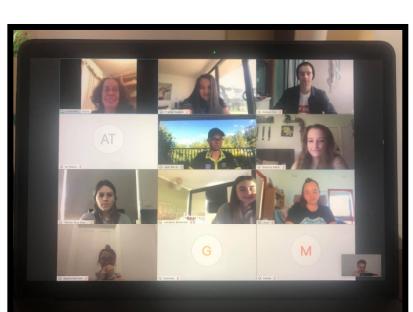
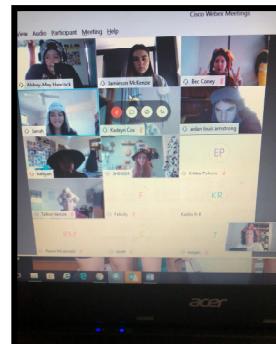
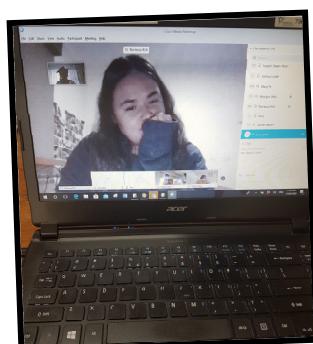
Keeping fit and exercising is the number one thing you and your family can do to keep worries at bay. It's so vital that the government has included physical activity as one of the only reasons you can leave your house.

Create opportunities for catch ups with friends

Finding ways for kids of all ages to stay in touch is vital. Hook up an old phone or tablet to Wi-Fi for your kids to use to contact friends.

Don't stress

Don't stress about getting things perfect. Help kids to feel safe and secure, and limit their anxiety.



A message from our College Captains:

*This experience is one that no one could have expected, the impact of covid-19 has been hard on everybody. Learning from home is something new that we have had to adjust to, it can be difficult at times and we should be grateful for the effort and work that our teachers have put in to benefit our learning. It is super important that we make the best out of the situation and look towards our school values more than ever; respect, resilience, community, doing your best and responsibility. Stay positive, focused, do not forget to check in with those around you and make sure you take a break for yourself. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all essential workers that are doing so much for the community, the hospital staff, the teachers, the local business employees and also the parents that are staying home with their kids and helping them learn. - **Caitlyn Cartwright***

*As we continue on through these trying times, it is essential for our well-being and mental health to remain connected socially with others through alternate methods. Furthermore, it is crucial that we as students adapt to our new circumstances with a determined attitude and healthy mindset. And finally, as a community we must remain resilient in order to overcome the general angst and anxieties associated with isolation. - **Kadeyn Cox***

*Motivation is hard to find in times like these, trust me I am also struggling, but if we work collectively and use our peers as support, we can get through this. On the bright side, this pandemic is helping us build our personal skills such as resilience, for when our lives go back to what they once were. Making us stronger as a team. As long as we remain calm and do the best we can, life will go on and eventually get easier. Continue to enjoy the things in life that make you happy, because taking a step back from your school work is not giving up. We all need to recharge the batteries at some stage. Keep constant, communication between you and your family, friends, and teachers throughout this difficult time. Please stay safe and stay positive, we will get through this. – **Rebecca Coney***

The introduction of learning from home and the external impact of the Coronavirus has affected more than its fair share of students and families within our school and community. The flow on affect from this transition has seen a dramatic drop in motivation and moral. This is completely understandable, and I, myself feel it too. It's hard to see the point of view of a student when you aren't experiencing what they are. We are a strong and collective group and we will be able to get through anything. The teachers are working tirelessly and going above and beyond what they are required to do, which is absolutely tremendous, and we are incredibly thankful for. The most important thing currently is supporting one another, communicating as often as possible with friends, family, teacher's, anyone who can help you deal with your concerns.

*Keep persisting, we can only do our best, that's all anyone can ask of us. The captains and staff are doing the best they can to improve the situation as much as possible. If you need help, never hesitate to ask for it, there are many avenues of support being made available and can be quite useful. Keep your head up and keep trying, we've got this. – **Xavier Briggs***



Business Manager's Report

Jan Prior

Well, what a difference a few weeks make! Thank you to all of our college community who have been so supportive of the huge learning curve for us all with regard to learning and working from home and how we navigate these changes together.

College Office Hours

The college office new operating hours are from 8:45am till 3:45pm Monday to Friday. Our primary Campus Office is currently closed and all enquiries to the College can be made either by phone or email on 5851 2100 or kyabram.p.12@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Even though we have minimal office staff at the college, the team are working from home and parents can be assured that we can help you with any queries or support you may need.

If you need to visit the college, please phone ahead so that an appointment can be made in advance.

Homework Drop Box Available P-12

Homework can be delivered to the College in a number of ways:

- ◆ A 'Drop Box' is located outside the College Office for return of work. Please ensure that any work is clearly labelled with student name, year level and Teacher name. Available during office hours only.
- ◆ Via Compass
- ◆ Or, take a photo or your work and send to your teacher (Prep – Year 6)

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) - Reminder Term 2

CSEF support is a payment that is credited to parents of a student attending a registered Government or Non-Government Victorian primary or secondary school. The amount is \$125 for Primary School aged students and \$225 for Secondary students. To be eligible for this payment you must be:-

- ◆ the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or an eligible Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card.
- ◆ Your card must be valid on either the first day of Term one or Term two.
- ◆ If you meet the criteria please contact the office to arrange collection of a form or alternatively an application can be emailed to you.

Applications must be returned to the College by 25th June 2020.

Jan Prior

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