



# LEARNING UPDATE - 11

Friday, 14th August, 2020

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

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**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**

It has been a wonderful week at the College. We celebrated the feast day of St Clare with a liturgy which was streamed to our students and staff in their Learning Groups. This included some eulogies and prayers for Xavier Ioane who, as you know, tragically passed away during the COVID-19 lockdown. This was an important celebration for our community.

## **Changes to the School Uniform**

You would be aware that we now offer our students a beanie and a scarf as part of our school uniform. I am pleased to let you know that we are also offering the option of **“Charcoal Straight Leg Pants for Girls” for \$60**. We are hoping that many of our girls might choose to take this option and so feel more comfortable being involved in sport and activities during the normal school day. Our uniforms are now ordered on-line if you are unsure how this works please check the item within this update - New Online Uniform Shop.

## **Tell Them from Me Survey (TTFM)**

Students, teachers and parents are invited to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Clare’s Catholic High School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device.

[TTFM Survey Link](#)

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Thank you to all our families who are working with us to improve the attendance rates and punctuality of our students. If students are regularly absent and are regularly late, they miss valuable opportunities to receive feedback on their learning and they make it difficult for themselves to keep on top of their studies. The longer students are away the more overwhelming it becomes to return and face the work that has begun to pile up and it then becomes a vicious cycle. If you have concerns about your child not wanting to come to school we are here to support you in your efforts. Let’s break bad habits before they form and give our students the best opportunity for learning success.

## HSC TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

As you are aware, our Year 12 students commence their HSC Trial Examinations on Monday. For the safety of our community, please be familiar with the following:

### If the Year 12 student has COVID-19:

1. He / she must not attend Trial exams
2. You are asked to advise the Principal immediately
3. The student must self-isolate as per the rules [HERE](#)
4. He / she must follow the advice provided by your doctor or your local Public Health Unit.

### If the Year 12 student experiences any COVID-19 symptoms:

1. He / she must not attend Trial exams
2. You are asked to advise the school
3. The student must get tested. Please see further information [HERE](#)
4. The student must [self-isolate](#) while waiting for the results
  - a. Negative result – your local Public Health Unit will contact you / your child or you will receive an SMS
  - b. Positive result – your doctor or your local Public Health Unit will call you / your child and tell you what you need to do.

### If the Year 12 student has returned from Victoria:

1. He / she must not attend Trial exams
2. You are asked to advise the school
3. The student must [self-isolate](#) in a hotel for 14 days on return to NSW
4. If the student experiences any COVID-19 symptoms, he / she must get [tested](#).

### If the Year 12 student has been identified as a 'close contact' of a person with COVID-19:

1. He / she must not attend Trial exams
2. You are asked to advise the school
3. The student must [self-isolate](#) for 14 days after contact with the person (even if he / she feels well)
4. If the student experiences any COVID-19 symptoms, he / she must [get tested](#).

### If the Year 12 student has been to a COVID-19 case location 'hot spot' in NSW:

1. [Check to see](#) if the Year 12 student needs to either:
  - a. [Self-isolate](#) and [get tested](#) immediately. Advise the school and **do not attend Trial exams**
  - OR
  - b. Monitor for symptoms. Advise the school and attend Trial exams.
2. Follow [NSW Health advice](#).

**Everyone's health and safety must be first priority.**  
**Students must use the school's [Misadventure and Illness Policy](#)**  
**to manage any missed Trial Exams for any of the above circumstances.**

Please note that students must complete the [Misadventure Form](#) and attach documentary evidence provided by their Doctor or Public Health Unit.

Failure to provide the school with these requirements will result in zero grade for any missed examinations/final assessments.

**Should you have any questions, please contact the school on (ph) 029830 2400.**

**We pray for a safe and successful Trial Examination period at the school for all our students.**

## **eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers**

Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) sees parents and carers as partners in a child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join one of the following free webinars for parents and carers:

- 1) *Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 yrs)* - Thursday 20 August 2020, 12:00 -1.00 pm
- 2) *Tech, teens and time online (secondary schools)* - 7 September 2020, 7.00 - 8.00 pm

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

### **About the webinars**

1. *Helping kids thrive online:* is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.
2. *Tech, teens and time online:* is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

Both sessions will cover topics including:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying/harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

### **What you need to do**

- 1) Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:
  - 20 August 2020 session - [link to register](#)
  - 7 September 2020 session - [link to register](#)

If you have any further enquiries please email [safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au).

### **Webinar information and FAQ**

## **New Online Uniform Shop**

Our new online uniform shop is now operating.

### **How it works:**

1. Download the QKR App onto your phone (**instructions** attached [here](#)).
2. Order your items 24/7 and pay online (**price list** attached [here](#)).
3. All orders placed by 3pm on a Friday afternoon will be delivered to school on the following Monday and will be given to the students to bring home.
4. If you need to try on items for sizing we will have sample sizes available at school.

**We have now introduced scarves (\$20) and beanies (\$15) as part of the school uniform.** All non-uniform scarves and beanies



are not permitted to be worn to school.

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