



LEARNING UPDATE - 14

Friday, 4th September, 2020

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

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our Patron Saint, Clare of Assisi, challenges us to find ways to be like Jesus and to be closer to God in our lives. In the ever-changing and difficult times that we find ourselves in, may we seek comfort in faith, hope and community in the name of Saint Clare and God.

In recent weeks, Year 12 and 11 students have heard a simple morning blessing as their prayer to start the day. This prayer asks for God's guidance in helping each of us to have positive thoughts, to speak positive words, and to make positive actions during the day. These three small but meaningful endeavours can bring each of us closer to God, and make a positive difference to our lives and community.



Father's Day

This weekend we are asked to give thanks to all the important male figures in our community. In Jeremiah, it says "**Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD.**" May we give thanks to the fathers and father-like people in our lives who lead each one of us to a pathway of love and success.

May we find some time in our weekend to also give thanks to our father in heaven, God, who has given us much to be thankful for.



Reminder

If your child is unwell and has any cold or flu-like symptoms, please do not send them to school. If you are worried about your child missing an assessment or exam in these circumstances, please be assured that safety remains our first priority. The school [Misadventure Policy](#), if followed correctly, will ensure that students who are sick (and have supporting documentation such as a Doctor Certificate or Public Health notification) will not be penalised. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email your child's teacher (see email list below).

Parents/Carers of Year 12 students

To support your children as they prepare for their HSC exams, early next term, you may find the HSC Exam Timetable [HERE](#) helpful. Students need to access their *NESA Students Online* accounts for details of each exam. Year 12 students were reminded this week of the importance of the next six weeks in studying at home to prepare for each exam. Please encourage your children to make good use of their available time to give themselves the best opportunity possible in their exams.

Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

Year 11 Yearly Examinations start on Monday. Year 11 students are only required to be at school when they have examinations; there are no Year 11 lessons. Students must ensure they are dressed in full school or sports uniform, that they have their necessary exam equipment, and they arrive at least 30 minutes before each exam. Please see the Exam Timetable [HERE](#). We trust that students will use this opportunity to finish their Year 11 courses well and learn in preparation for their Year 12 courses starting next term.

Parents/Carers of Year 8 students

Parents/carers of children in Year 8 are asked to watch the presentation [HERE](#) in preparation for next year and the process to occur over the next week where Year 8 students choose two elective subjects. Parents/carers are also encouraged to read this [Handbook](#) with their children. A hard copy of these handbooks will be given to Year 8 students early next week.

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