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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - SCHOOL AT HOME AND FINAL WEEKS OF TERM 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In line with new announcements made today by the SA Minister for Education, John Gardiner, the last four days of term prior to Easter, Monday 6th April - Thursday 9th April, will be student free days for all government schools, the Minister also indicated that independent schools were likely to implement similar arrangements. Torrens Valley Christian School have made the decision to implement the same arrangement for these days, and families are asked to make arrangements for their children.

Prior to these student-free days, the executive leadership team in consultation with the Board, have made the decision to launch our new online distance learning program, *Torrens Valley Christian School at Home (School at Home)*, next week, Monday 30 March to Friday 3rd April 2020.

Our school will remain open to provide a supervised study environment where students can access the new online learning program at school, for our students who aren't able to continue their learning at home. These are likely to be the children of our essential workers.

In order to ensure we have appropriate staffing and supervision, if you intend to send your child to school during Week 10, we would appreciate it if you could register this online by completing the ['Register my child's attendance - Week 10' web form](#).

School at Home has been developed to cater specifically for the learning needs for your children. It will be provided to you online and completed under the supervision of families at home, supported by the teaching staff remotely.

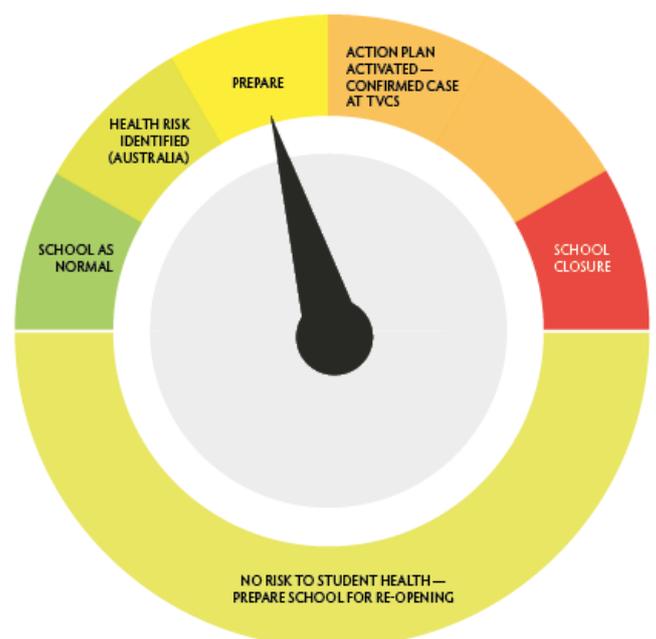
Teachers and other staff members throughout the school have been preparing learning materials, processes and ICT systems that are designed to enable students to continue learning from home. These plans and resources will be explained and made available to students in our trial of *Torrens Valley Christian School at Home* tomorrow.

For Primary students, details of how you can access the program are inside the packs that were sent home on Wednesday. If your child was not at school, you may collect your pack from the Front Office as soon as you are able.

For Secondary students, we will be emailing instructions for *School at Home* access tonight. Students who attended school yesterday were able to take their books home. All other Secondary students can collect their books from their lockers as soon as they are able.

The decision to move to *School at Home* next week has been given careful consideration in line with current State Government advice.

(see over for further information)



In summary, as we prepare for these new developments, we ask that you:

- Make arrangements to keep your child/children at home for the student-free days prior to Easter, Monday 6th April - Thursday 9th April.
- Advise the school via our online '[Register my child's attendance - Week 10' web form](#) if you will need to have your child on site in the week Monday, 30th March to Friday, 3rd April 2020 (Week 10).
- Partner with the school by seeking to make the most of this opportunity to engage in your children's learning, spend time together and send a positive message about the value of learning that can happen in the home.
- Talk about the situation with your children, including the challenges and opportunities that this may provide for them as learners.
- Prepare effective learning spaces at home and consider how you will provide appropriate supervision and support for your children as they engage in online and remote learning. Such supervision and support should involve regularly reviewing the online activity of your children.
- Equip yourselves and your children to maintain communication and connection with staff members who will be proactively allocating time for this to take place on a regular basis.
- Be quick to talk to your child's teacher or the relevant Coordinator in your section of the school if you have any thoughts or questions.

As Christians, we are reminded of the supremacy of our God over all things. God is our refuge, our hope, our anchor and our loving Father. And it is in these times, we draw close to Him, trusting the One who is victorious over all.

As we face these days ahead, let us **Fix our Eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith and consider afresh the finished work of Christ on the Cross.** Please know that you are in my heart and prayers as we walk this journey together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via our designated email address COVID19@tvcs.sa.edu.au.

Yours in Christ's service,



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