

# Coronavirus Response

TORRENS VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE 10



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## A PERSONAL THANK YOU FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach Easter, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term.

In these unprecedented times we are experiencing as a community, you have partnered with us, showing exceptional commitment and unsurpassed support as we have all grappled with the implications of COVID-19.

We appreciate and value you and your family! Thank you.

On behalf of the Board and the Executive Team, I want to express my deep thanks and appreciation to you for your uncompromising support. Your patience, your encouragement, the sacrifices you have made as you have rearranged your schedules to assist your children to settle into new routines....these are hallmarks of the partnership we share with you in Christian Education. And we thank you!

We value the relationship we have with you and we know that in trying times we experience true Christian community as we pull together as a team and support one another to the glory of God.

In particular, we want to thank you for your support for the launch of *Torrens Valley Christian School at Home*. We have valued your assistance in helping us address any technical issues you may have experienced and for allowing the staff the time to work collaboratively with you to support your children in their education. The student-free days next week will be an important part of this, and we thank you for making arrangements to keep your children home in the week ahead.

Feedback from the trial has been overwhelmingly positive. We appreciate the time you have taken to give us your thoughts in our feedback survey. In the weeks ahead, we will refine our distance learning model to ensure we continue to develop young people to believe, belong and become all that God designed and created them to be.

I want to commend the staff to you in the highest terms. They have demonstrated exceptional commitment, dedication and professionalism as the School has proactively responded to the need to deliver distance learning to our students. The executive team, along with the teaching staff, IT staff and administrative, maintenance and communications teams have shown outstanding commitment to the task. Quite simply: They are exceptional!

I think our Board Chair Tim Adams summed it up well when he said, "On behalf of the School Board, I want to thank the staff for the incredible commitment, skill and determination displayed in recent weeks ... During times of crisis, true leaders step up to the plate and there are so many examples of this in our staffing community in recent weeks. ...The speed with which they have rolled out *School at Home* ... in the space of two weeks, has been nothing short of phenomenal. .... It has been a 'Team TVCS effort' and you will have to excuse me for being very proud of them."

I think you will agree with me, we have an amazing staff team and I want to publicly honour and acknowledge them to you.

As we approach the Easter season, we are reminded that "God...in his great mercy, has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

God has expressed His love to us in Christ.

As you celebrate the joy of this message with your family this Easter, please know you are in our heart and prayers.

May God bless you and your family this Easter.

Yours in Christ's service,

Julie Prattis  
Principal

