



Monday, 27 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term Two. As you are aware, the last six weeks have been an incredibly challenging time for everyone. The COVID-19 virus has impacted on every aspect of our daily lives. Education has been no exception. I do want to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the College.

We have been preparing over recent weeks for the recommencement of school on Wednesday, 29 April. We are especially looking forward to welcoming back our Year 11 and 12 students for direct face to face learning.

As indicated in my communication last week, I would like to remind you that the College is open for your child to attend if you so choose, and we welcome their attendance. The recent advice from the WA Chief Health Officer, Dr Andrew Robertson, confirms that the risk of transmission of the virus in the school setting is low. Of course, you need to make an informed decision about whether you wish to send your child to school at this time.

Additionally, please understand that our school is operating differently at the moment due to physical distancing considerations. Normal activities, especially those that require close physical contact, may not take place or will be significantly modified.

To ensure that we respect whatever decision you make about your child's attendance, and to enable equity for all students, for those in Years 7-10 the learning will be delivered online as "one mode" of instruction. This means that whether your child is physically attending school or working from home they will be provided with the same teaching and learning opportunities. As previously communicated, students in Years 11 and 12 will receive face to face learning on campus. For those students in Years 11 and 12 who are not able to attend school, lessons will be provided on SEQTA. Please be assured that whether your child is working at school or home, they will be provided with help, although the manner of this assistance will vary.

We are planning for this arrangement to be in place for the first four weeks of term with a review taking place in mid-May. However, as you know, this situation is fluid and we will continue to respond to health and government advice as it emerges.

If you have concerns or questions about how your child will be supported, I would ask that, in the first instance, you contact your child's teacher or Head of Learning Area. If there are continuing concerns, please contact Scott Hodgen, the Director of Learning.

There has recently been public and media attention regarding fees in Catholic schools and a suggestion that parents should receive discounts. I would respectfully like to make the following points:

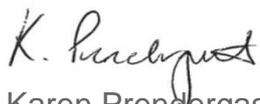
1. Parents have been guaranteed that their child's place at Lumen Christi College is guaranteed regardless of a parent's financial situation. I have previously provided information to parents regarding fee relief and the Health Care Card discount scheme. I encourage you to contact our Business Manager, Kim Hanson, if you have any concerns regarding school fees. Any such discussions are, of course, confidential.
2. All members of our staff have continued to work very hard to support your child's education. You will understand that they continue to be paid for their work. We rely on your school fees to assist us in meeting this significant ongoing financial obligation.
3. Please be assured that our annual fees and charges are set at the lowest possible level to balance our yearly budget. All Catholic schools are not-for-profit, which means that if there are any surplus funds left at the end of any year, they are automatically used to offset future fee increases and/or fund future improvements for our students, including equipment and facilities.

Our staff are missing having students at the College. We are looking forward to the time, hopefully in the not too distant future, when we will see a return to face to face learning on site by all of our students.

In the meantime, we continue to offer our students the very best teaching and learning opportunities possible, whether they be at school or at home.

I will be sending a further communication to all parents tomorrow regarding some specific details for the commencement of Term Two.

Thank you for your continued support.
With best wishes.



Karen Prendergast
Principal