

26 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Re: Term 1 Break commences Monday, 30 March 2020.

The Premier announced today a mandated change to our school calendar.

[The Term 1 break will begin on Monday 30 March 2020.](#)
[Five student free days have been declared for Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April 2020.](#)

Advice from both Christian Schools Australia and Independent Schools Queensland is to implement this school calendar change at Trinity College Gladstone.

I apologise for any disruption this may cause you.

Next week will have no formal teaching, with one exception (see below).

If you are able to keep your children home from Monday 30th March, **I urge you to do so.**

The teachers and staff of Trinity College have worked hard to maintain a normal teaching program and deliver Christ-like care to our students, in the midst of increasingly difficult restrictions. Student absences have continued to increase, with many students now missing direct classroom instruction. As a community, we continue to persevere through the uncertainty of whether schools will be required to close.

Teachers will now use these five days to prepare resources, and continue to upskill for remote and online learning, in the event of schools no longer being able to provide face to face teaching in Term 2.

Learning from Home

A 'Learning from Home Guide' will be sent home tomorrow, specific to the age of your children, outlining how we will be proceeding with delivering learning from home, should that eventuality arise.

For Kindergarten to Year 5, students would be learning remotely, with learning packs for students to work through and videos to watch on Class Dojo. Individuals with learning requirements will continue to receive Learning Support. Specific instructions on how to connect with their Teacher Aides online or receive additional support systems will be given to parents of those students.

The Online Learning Procedure for Secondary students, with specific requirements and instructions, will also be sent home to all Secondary students soon.

Year 6 will deliver a blended arrangement between the two 'learning from home' arrangements, utilising Google Classroom and other online learning tools.

Online learning pilot morning

We request that all Secondary students engage in an online learning 'Pilot Morning' from 8:40am – 12:40pm on Wednesday 1st April, to trial our Secondary online learning platforms. After the pilot we will seek feedback from our teachers and students to seek to improve the learning and communication via this medium.

Students will need to be at home on their Macbooks, logged on and checking:

- Their school emails
- Google Classroom for 'Secondary Info' and their Google Classroom for Period 1.

The day will commence with Pastoral Care and a roll call – students will receive information from their Pastoral Care teacher about how the day will operate via email and the 'Secondary Info' Google Classroom page.

Year 12 changes to their assessment schedule

Also today, The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority announced some changes to the required assessments of our Year 12 students. Further information will be passed on to relevant parents, when details of this announcement are clarified.

Essential supervision

If, due to your personal work commitments, you are unable to keep your children home, we will provide supervised care for them during the days of the week Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April. This, however, will not be normal classes or regular learning.

Students who attend will be able to attend in free dress, rather than school uniform, as term break will have commenced.

Student Dress Code:

1. No very short shorts, skirts or midriff tops (showing stomachs) to be worn
2. No singlets
3. No transparent or see-through wear
4. Only moderate use of makeup as per our normal school day expectations
5. The hairstyle should be suitable and appropriate as though attending school
6. Footwear should be safe and appropriately enclosed for WHS procedure
7. No inappropriate slogans and prints on clothing
8. Theme of clothing must be harmonious to the ethos and values of the school
9. Hats must be worn outdoors as per WHS and Sun Safe procedure

Students will be able to bring their own games (subject to being willing to lose board game pieces and they are appropriate for being played at Trinity College, with social distancing in place).

Secondary students are allowed to bring their school macbooks.

If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



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