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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will probably be aware, all Victorian Schools are now closed for early holidays due the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Over the next four days, the Department of Education and Training (DET) has directed all teachers to continue making preparations for providing remote learning in the event of school closures after the holidays. Teachers will continue with these preparations during a state-wide student-free day on Tuesday 14 April. Term Two will then commence on Wednesday 15 April. It has not yet been decided whether Victorian schools will resume face-to-face classes on April 15 or whether all students will be learning remotely at the start of Term Two.

#### **Flexible and Remote Learning at CSC**

Our teachers have been working hard to establish Google Classrooms as our primary remote learning platform. For the remainder of this week, teachers will continue working on setting up their Google Classrooms so that students will be well supported with their learning in Term Two. As per the letter I sent last Monday, we encouraged all students last week to become familiar with their CSC log-in credentials so that they can access their Google Classrooms, and teachers have been sharing the special codes required to access Google Classrooms (these are codes only required for the first log-in). As teachers finish setting up all of their Google Classrooms over the next few days, we are also compiling a list of log-in codes for every Google Classroom in the school. I will email this document to families before the end of the week.

#### **What will these Google Classrooms initially look like?**

Our priority over the past week and over the next few days, has been to set-up a Google Classroom for every class and communicate with students what they need to do to access the Classroom. At this stage, many of our Google Classrooms have assignments and learning tasks available, and most students have joined their classrooms. Teachers will be working hard over the next few days to develop content for all of their classrooms and then be in a position to post regular work from next term.

#### **What If my child can't remember their school log-in credentials?**

Reception will remain open during school hours (8:30am – 4:30pm) this week. Please call Reception on 5479 1111 if your child needs his or her log-in information.

### **Further online supports and resources**

Please find attached a guide to accessing Google Classrooms. Over the next few weeks we will also be adding resources to the CSC website to support students and parents with remote learning.

Our CSC Wellbeing Team has developed a student wellbeing webpage, which includes various options for contacting CSC wellbeing staff. Please access this webpage via:

<https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/cscwellbeing/home?authuser=2>

A link to this webpage will also be added to our CSC website very soon.

### **What if we have limited access to technology at home?**

We are currently arranging for printed holiday work to be sent home to Years 11 and 12 students who have alerted us to problems with technology access, and we are lending school laptops to senior students who do not own computers.

If we are asked to implement remote learning for all students after the holidays, we will make similar arrangements for all students.

### **What do early holidays and possible remote learning next term mean for VCE and VCAL students?**

Our VCE teachers have been providing work to students up until today through face-to-face teaching (and remotely where required) and holiday work has also been set. As per above, by the start of next term we will have even better remote learning options set-up for our VCE students.

While it is possible to deliver coursework and regular lessons online, SACs are required to be completed mainly in class and within a limited timeframe. This is also important so that teachers are able to authenticate that students have completed their SACs and SATs independently and without assistance. We have the flexibility to delay or reschedule SACs and SATs or set a task that assesses more than one learning outcome. Teachers will clearly advise students about rescheduled SAC and SAT arrangements.

VCE students have been provided with school work over the holidays, and we encourage our students to maintain a regular study routine during this time.

More details about special arrangements and considerations for VCE students will become available through the DET and VCCA over the coming weeks, and we will keep students and parents up-to-date with this information as it comes to hand.

Our VCAL co-ordinator, Mr Steve Carroll, has assisted all VCAL students to access our new VCAL Google Classroom. Mr Carroll is available to answer parent and student VCAL queries via email. He can be contacted at: [steven.carroll@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:steven.carroll@education.vic.gov.au)

**Will CSC be open until the end of this week?**

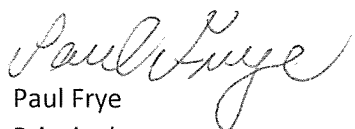
Yes, please contact Reception on 54791111 or come to the school between 8:30am and 4:30pm this week if you have any queries or if your child needs to collect any learning items or belongings left at school.

**What next?**

I will be sending a further update to all families just before Term Two is scheduled to commence on April 15. If schools are asked to provide all of their learning remotely at the start of next term, I will be communicating more detailed information about how this will work and how parents can best support their children with learning from home.

Finally, I wish our CSC community all the very best during these difficult times. Please contact us if there is anything you think we can be doing to support you and your family.

Yours sincerely



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