



OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

As we have come to the last week of term, I would like to once again thank all families for their support throughout a very different and sometimes challenging term. Whilst our students have continued to learn, grow and develop in new and different ways, the staff at OLW have been amazed by their resilience, their determination and the newly found independence of the majority of our students. We hope to continue to develop our learning on site throughout the second half of the year.

Thank you to all the parents involved in Parent Support Group Meetings last week. We understand that limiting meetings to a maximum of 15 minutes can be a little challenging, but we were still able to have some very good discussion about the learning progress and learning goals for these students on personalised learning plans. The next formal PSG meeting for these students will be at the end of Term 3 in our next round of planned Parent - Teacher Interviews on Monday September 14.

Catholic Education Melbourne is not conducting the usual School Improvement Surveys due to COVID-19 clashing with this survey time period. However, schools do have the option of completing Remote Learning Surveys for parents, students and staff. We have determined that we would like to gather information from all groups on the experience of Learning from Home. The survey link for parents was sent out last Thursday on our school app and a link is included in today's newsletter below. These surveys are only active until this Friday, but I would encourage each family to submit a response if possible.

Mid Year Reports will be distributed to families this Wednesday. Reports will be slightly different to previous years and include a comment on how the student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment. Please spend some time

discussing your child's achievements with them so that they are aware of your support for their efforts and progress, especially as the majority of our students have continued to make significant gains during the Learning from Home period.

COVID-19 restrictions have been wound back to allow only 20 people at Church gatherings as of today. However, Fr Terry will still begin offering daily and weekend Mass at 10.00am, 7 days a week. To reserve a place for anyone who wishes to attend a Mass, please ring the **new Presbytery number on 0488 020 364** the day prior. If there is no answer, please leave your name and phone number.

Please remember that all students are now expected to attend school. The school posted work for hopefully the final time last Sunday evening for students who are not able to attend school, and parents are now responsible for their learning. Classroom email accounts are now closed, so please contact the school office if you wish to speak with your child's class teacher.

The last day of Term 2 is this Friday, June 26, with staggered dismissal times. Dismissal times are:

- Exit - **Bates – 12.40pm**
Kelly – 12.50pm
Latrobe – 1.00pm

Enjoy the holidays and stay safe!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that awry means 'away from the usual or expected course; amiss' or 'out of the normal or correct position; askew.'

Our word for this week is:

DECIDUOUS

Find out it's meaning and origin and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!

Parent Survey Link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzakg7uzMyjK7Wx5N4pRcegZ93z2P6nmvnR6ZAtDkusJHJUQ/viewform>

SANTA MARIA COLLEGE - ONLINE Q&A SESSION - 25 JUNE, 7:30PM

Beginning Secondary School is both exciting and challenging. For Santa Maria students it is a milestone on their journey from girls to young women as they 'grow intellectually, make significant friendships, experience new adventures and establish their independence'.

At Santa Maria College, we know that choosing the best school for your daughter takes time and careful consideration. As a Catholic College specialising in girls' education since 1904, our commitment is to provide your daughter with exceptional educational opportunities, along with personalised academic and pastoral care through our Village Model. Santa Maria College is a place where learning is dynamic and where a sense of respect, care and belonging is at the heart of our community.

Do you have questions? Is there something that you are unsure about, need clarified, or would like to explore more fully?

We are here to help in any way we can with your decision.

We invite you to meet our Principal, Mrs Deborah Barker, who is in her 10th year of innovative leadership at Santa Maria.

Please register for our online Q&A session where you will have your questions answered.

Click on the link below to register for this online Q&A which temporarily replaces our popular Discovery Tours while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

<https://www.santamaria.vic.edu.au/enrolments/open-days-tour/index.html>

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Enrolment Applications Welcome

Applications close Friday 21 August 2020
for Year 7 2022

Upcoming Virtual Tours

- Thursday 18 June
9.00am - 10.30am

Book a place online
<http://www.olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au/enrolments/college-tours>

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