

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020



'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'  
John 3: 16 - 18

Dear Parents

How great was it to have all the students back at school on Tuesday!!! There was definitely a buzz around the whole school. There were some very excited, but at the same time nervous, young students coming to school this morning. This is totally understandable as it has been eleven weeks since these students have been on site for face to face learning and teaching.

In previous correspondence I have expressed my gratitude to parents, carers, students and members of our St Bede's community for the way in which you have supported the many changes during this period of remote learning. Now that we are back on-site I cannot emphasise my thanks enough to our wonderful St Bede's staff - teachers, learning support officers, admin and support staff - every single one!. Every staff member demonstrated dedication, commitment and genuine concerns for our students. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank the Parents Association who provided morning tea on Tuesday as a thank you. Your kind gesture was greatly appreciated.

I hope and pray that there are no further disruptions to our 'normal' school routines. Our ability as a community to abide by the changes and work to support the health of the wider community has got us so far. Thank you to staff, students and families who have supported the many adjustments required

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to ensure that we are providing a safe and healthy workplace for all. While I understand that the changes we have in place throughout the day - drop off, play times, pick up, restricted access to the learning areas - are not ideal, they are ones that are currently necessary to support and co-operate with the health measures in place across the wider community. As the arrangements and guidelines for schools change we will let our community know.

## School Reports

Your child's school report will be available on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June through the parent portal. As previously mention this semesters report will look different from last year's report. This is only for this semester and the report will change back to the normal format next semester.

## Parents Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews this year will be via google meet. They will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June between 3.30pm and 8pm as well as on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June between 8.30pm and 1pm. You will be able to log on to Parent/teacher online (PTO) website from this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The interviews will be in 15 minute time slots (10 min interview with 5mins to log off and log onto the next meeting). Once all parents have registered your classroom teacher will send a link for you to use on the day.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Stephanie and Grace who both were the recipients of the encouragement award in the Rotary Club of North Balwyn Year 6 essay writing competition. The girls responded to the title "If I could change one thing" by writing about self-doubt and bullying. Both girls will receive a \$100 gift voucher. Our school community are very proud of you both.

## What some of the Yr. 3-6 students are saying about being back at school

- "I like being back at school because I can see my friends"
- "I get to see my friends. I can learn new stuff again"
- "Because it is better to see my friends and easier to ask questions"
- "I like being back at school as I get more support from teachers"
- "It's face to face learning"
- "I like seeing my friends and teachers"
- "It's easier to ask questions I don't have to unmute myself"
- "Being back in the classroom and cooperating with my classmates"
- "Enjoying seeing what has changed around the school"

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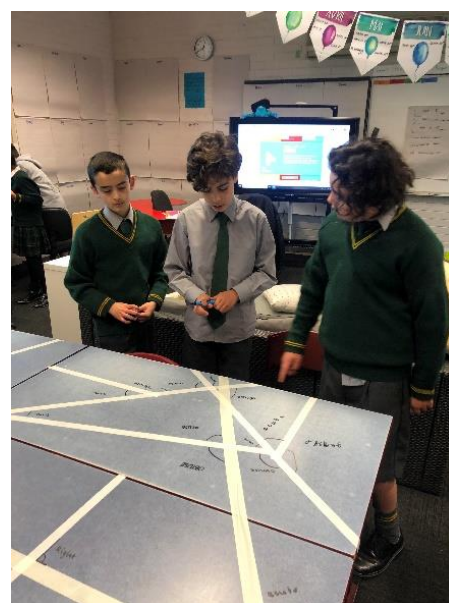
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## Wellbeing

I trust those who dropped your child off at one of the entrance on Tuesday saw the wonderful displays created by our wellbeing leader Kahli Schroder. It shows the children being resilient at home during these difficult times. Thanks Kahli



"It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives, but what we do consistently."

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## Virtual Assembly

Last Friday we trialled a virtual assembly for the students before they all returned to school this week. It was great to see so many of the students (very small pics) log into the assembly. I am not sure though if I am the right person to lead the singing for birthdays!!! Our next virtual assembly will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. If next term parents are still not able to enter the school we will send parents the link to log in so you can join us.

## End of Term 2

The children will be dismissed on Thursday 25 June at 3.15pm for the term.

TERM 2 DATES	
DATE	ACTIVITY
<b>Term 2</b>	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of Sacred Heart Mass - CANCELLED
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Yr 6 Commitment Mass for Confirmation - CANCELLED
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	END OF TERM 2 @ 3.15pm Parent Teacher Interviews (google meets) 3.30pm-8pm
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Interviews (google meets) 8.30am-1pm
<b>Term 3</b>	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 Commences
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	End of Term 3

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## Learning Conferences THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 FROM 3.30PM-8.00PM & FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE FROM 8.30AM – 1.00PM

Dear Parents,

Learning Conferences will be conducted on **THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 FROM 3.30PM-8.00PM & FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE FROM 8.30AM – 1.00PM**


The objective of these meetings is for you to share information about your child to help establish a team where we work together to support your child's learning. These meetings supported by pre-assessments will help to inform your child's learning goals.

**The interviews will be in 15 minute time slots (10 min interview with 5mins to log off and log onto the next meeting). Once all parents have registered your classroom teacher will send a link for you to use on the day.**


**Interviews will be of 10min duration.**

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available in the meeting room allocated in the office area during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school's home page [www.sbedesbn.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbedesbn.catholic.edu.au)
- Click News/Events scroll down to the Parent Teacher Online then click on 
- You will see "Obtain PIN/Password" on the login screen. Enter your email address and PTO will then send an email to the address containing the login details for the parent(s) with that email address.**

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. **Bookings are made for parents/guardians. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview timeslot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.**
- You will only see time slots which are *available* at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those timeslots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can print a *report* of your bookings in time order.
- PTO bookings are open and close on MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 7.00am.**
- If you see this symbol  displayed along side the class name, it means this teacher recommends that you book an interview.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a timeslot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- If you encounter any problems using PTO please notify the school office, preferably via email [ccomand@sbedesbn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ccomand@sbedesbn.catholic.edu.au)

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## MARCELLIN COLLEGE

Marcellin College is a leading Catholic Secondary School for boys established by the Marist Brothers in 1950.

### OPEN FOR ENROLMENT

YEAR 7 2022 APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 21 August 2020

YEAR 7 2022 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, 4 August 2020

See website for more details



A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE  
COLLEGE WILL BE HELD  
23 JUNE AT 9:30AM.  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.  
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WEBSITE.

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