

Verity Christian College

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I hope that this letter finds you, and all members of your family to be safe and well.

It is wonderful to see signs that community life is beginning to “normalise” and that families and friends are moving closer to being able to have more regular contacts with each other.

We must continue to pray and to thank God for the wisdom, abilities, courage and determination that He has bestowed upon our leaders and medical and science professionals so that they continue to steer our communities in the right direction.

It has been an absolute joy to have been able to start having our wonderful students resume attendance albeit in limited grouping.

As Principal, I have tried to steer our school along a pathway which gives due recognition to community concerns, while at the same time trying to resume a ‘normal’ school life for our students.

The Next Phase:

I am conscious of not wanting to rush forward with a full time return to school recognising that there still exists a level of community concern. I have decided that for the next two weeks, beginning Monday 11th, that we will bring each group of our students back for two days per week with a view to resuming full operation for all by Monday the 25th May. The following time table will apply.

Verity Christian College Operation Term 2 **Weeks 3 -4.**

Parents needing to send their children to school outside of their designated times are most welcome to do so.

Date	What's Happening
Mon 11 th May	Years 5/6/6E
Tues 12 th May	Years P/K/1/2
Weds 13 th May	Years 4/5/6/6E
Thurs 14 th May	Years P/K/1/2
Fri 15 th May	Year 4
Mon 18 th May	Years 5/6/6E
Tues 19 th May	Years P/K/1/2
Weds 20 th May	Years 4/5/6/6E
Thurs 21 st May	Years P/K/1/ 2
Fri 22 nd May	Year 4
Mon 25 th May	Full Return for All Students

I also wish to advise that, under the circumstances, Verity CC will not be taking the usual pupil-free week at the end of this term.

The existing hygiene conditions will continue. (See below)

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(As Set out in our Previous Letter) Other Conditions:

- **Children must make a reasonable attempt at work which is sent home.** Work can be returned for marking and assessment on each child's day of attendance.
- **DROP OFF:**
 - Parents bringing their child/children to school must drop their child outside of the front door of the church and should not enter the building themselves.
 - The children will be met by a member of staff who will help the children to sanitise their hands before being escorted to play/class.
- **The children will be required to wash/sanitise their hands a number of times during the day.**
- **AFTERNOON PICK-UP:**
 - Normal school buses will still run
 - At the end of the day, the children will be gathered in the church/foyer/café area (following social distancing guidelines)
 - Parents are to pick up their children from outside the front entrance under the portico area.
 - Teachers will release the children to parents only when they are sighted in the covered area.
- **UNWELL:**
 - **Any child who is showing symptoms of being unwell MUST NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL.**
 - **Similarly, if there is an illness in the household that could be contracted by your child, they must MUST NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL.**
 - Any student who is unwell will have their temperature checked with a non-contact thermometer and will be sent home if necessary.
- **RECESS AND LUNCH:**
 - Students must bring food and refreshments from home and each should have a refillable drink bottle.
 - Staff will not be able to handle/prepare food in the kitchen so please ensure that all food is prepared beforehand.

REPORTS:

Staff would normally be beginning to work towards assessments and preparation for end of semester written reports. **As our teaching/learning/assessment program has been severely disrupted, we will not be able to issue a full report with grades, etc at the end of this term. Instead we will issue a modified report which is based more on teacher observation of each child's progress** rather than on trying to 'manufacture' grades which could be misleading. More details will follow.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding at this time as we have all tried to navigate the changing and very different circumstances being faced by our community.

For now, regards and blessings to all,

Stay well, VCC

David Fox

Principal

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