



The Pathway

15 June 2020

Dear Families and Friends of VCC,

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps
me.

My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him!



These words from Psalm 28 carry with them so much power and meaning at this challenging time in our community's history. Christians everywhere have had to call upon the strength contained within God's words. We have had our faith tested but as communities everywhere begin to emerge from a period of darkness, our hearts can leap for joy as we continue to praise the work of God in our lives and as our lives return to some sense of normalcy. We must also marvel at, and continue to give thanks for, the efforts of emergency workers who have been called upon to face enormous challenges and to provide wonderful service to those in need.

Our College has been so happy to welcome back our wonderful students to full-time school. It is fantastic to once again hear the sounds of music, laughter and learning filling the buildings throughout the days.

We must also thank all of our fantastic parents and caregivers for their patience and understanding during the height of the COVID period. Together, though, we were working to make our contribution to the safety and welfare of our children and our community and to demonstrate to our students that we must all rise to fulfil our shared responsibilities to others.

School Assessment and Reporting

The staff are in the process of undertaking some assessment of student progress and in preparing a revised reporting format for Semester One.

We will not be in a position to provide the usual degree of detail in reports due to the disruption caused to our teaching and assessment programs. We will endeavour to have written

reports distributed by the end of term, but, more realistically it will be by about the end of week 2 of Term 3. We apologise for this unavoidable delay.

Special School Lunch Day!



We have entered into a special arrangement with Bella's Cafe to provide school lunches for our students each Friday.

To access the lunch service parents/students will be provided with a lunch order form and bag to take home each week. Complete the lunch order form and return to school, with the **correct money in the bag, by Thursday** of each week. We will then send the orders to Bella's who will then deliver the orders by our lunchtime on Friday.

Please Note that:

- **Orders must be submitted by Thursday.** No late orders can be accepted.
- Students cannot order coffee
- Payment is required with the order. No credit can be extended.
- This is a special arrangement for the staff and students of VCC only. These prices are not accessible to others at other times.
- The continuation of this program will depend on the level of support it receives and may be extended if it is successful.



School Uniforms

Verity Christian College encourages its students to take pride in the wearing of uniform. Students who are smartly dressed send a very strong message to the community about a student's connection with their school and their respect for its rules and values.

With the cold weather now upon us, we are seeing many 'odd' pieces of clothing being worn by students. We would ask that if it is necessary for non-uniform items to be worn, that they at least be in a colour which is harmonious with the uniform – for example a grey or plain black or sloppy joe and plain black or plain grey pants would be acceptable substitute items.

School Fees

Families who have not yet entered into a payment plan for school fees are asked to do so as soon as possible. Our fee structure is kept deliberately at a low level and is used to cover the costs of items and activities that other schools may charge for separately or

that parents will have to pay for separately. Other than the school photographs, we ask for no other money throughout the year.

Please contact Mrs Stone in the office ASAP to advise of your intentions in the this regard.



School Attendance

A reminder that attendance is compulsory for all children of school age.

In the event of absences from school, our school office will make contact with the home so as to ascertain the nature and likely duration of absences that exceed a couple of days.

The school must also receive a formal notification of the nature of an absence – preferably in writing (though an email or phone call will suffice) upon the student’s return to school. Absences on the basis of extended sick leave should be covered by a medical certificate.

Please remember that any absence results in a loss of learning time for a child, so frequent and extended absences make it very difficult for a child to make up the learning opportunities lost. ‘Gaps’ in literacy and numeracy learning especially may appear later and cause the child to struggle to engage fully with later learning.

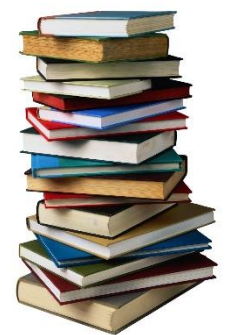
Grievance Procedures

There are times when a member of a school community may have a grievance against the school or a member of its staff. If you do feel that you have a grievance, please refer to our website to access our policy on Responding to Grievance or make direct contact with the school.

Concerns will be worked through prayerfully, and in an orderly and respectful fashion so as to ensure the best possible outcome for all parties. The privacy of all parties will be respected at all times.

Homework

I have raised the topic of homework in several previous newsletters. Verity Christian College remains firm in its belief in the value of students being involved in some form of homework on a weekly basis. Homework is intended to build a positive connection between home and school in the sense that students need to see that learning is a continuous process that does not just happen in little boxes of time. Homework is particularly important for



developing via practise, reading skills and numeracy skills for Mathematics. Studies are showing that the more frequently literacy and numeracy skills are practised the more confident learners become and the greater the rate of progress that is made. However, VCC does place a higher value on time spent with family and with God as prayer and devotion times are shared. Homework should never interfere with the essential fabric of the Christian household.

I would hope that the completion of set Homework does not become a burden. If time is limited, the best focus of homework for all of our students are reading –especially shared reading with family – and learning times tables which form the basis of so much of the Maths covered in the Primary classroom.

*Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Psalm 25:5(NIV)*



Enrolments for 2021

Prep/Infants/Primary

We are currently accepting enrolments of students in Prep to Year 6 for 2021. We are experiencing a great deal of interest in gaining placement for next year, so please make contact with Mrs Stone in our office to make further enquiries and to obtain enrolment material. Materials can also be downloaded from our Website.

Secondary Enrolments –Years 7-10 Expressions of Interest

We are also receiving many enquiries for placement in our Secondary section to open in 2021. At this stage we are taking expressions of interest only as we are still awaiting final registration and accreditation from the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). This has been delayed due to COVID restrictions but we are hoping to receive confirmation of our registration by Mid-July. Please pray for us in this regard. Remember the strength of word of mouth as a means of spreading news. Please let other Christian families know about us and encourage them to make contact if they are

interested in having their child/children educated in nurturing setting with a strong Christian focus.

Please enjoy the photographs of some of our Senior students showcasing their art works.



"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

ROMANS 15:4-6

Regards & Blessings



David Fox
Principal
Verity Christian College

Bella's Café Delivered Food Price List for VCC

Orders and money in on the Thursday, Food and drink to be delivered Friday.

Please write your child's order on their bag, with class and name, and amount and correct money in the bag (if possible).

Orders are in Thursday, and Bella's has asked for no changes on Friday please. 😊

No need to bring this list in. Just write on the bag. Thank you!

Hot food		Price	Qty	Sandwiches	Price	Qty
6 Chicken Chips & Apple Fruit Box		\$5		Vegemite	\$3.50	
Sausage Roll & Apple Fruit Box		\$5		Cheese & Vegemite	\$4	
Small Chicken Chips		\$5.50		Egg & Lettuce	\$4.50	
Large Chicken Chips		\$8.90		Ham, cheese & Tomato	\$5.50	
Plain Pie		\$4.80		Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50	
Dim Sims		\$1.60		Chicken & Salad	\$6	
Chicken Dim Sims		\$3		Ham & Salad	\$6	
Dagwood Dog		\$3.80		Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$10	
Sauce- Tomato or BBQ		30c		Egg and Salad Wrap (Vegetarian)	\$10	
Hot Chips (with salt) :				Rolls	Add \$1	
	small	\$3		Toasted sandwiches	Add 50c	
	Large	\$4.50				
Sweet				Meals		
Muffin: Apple & Cinnamon		\$4		Lasagne & Salad	\$12	
Muffin: Nutella		\$4		Quiche & Salad	\$10	
Muffin: Blueberry		\$4		Soup & Toast	\$10	
Caramel Slice		\$4		Fish & Chips	\$10	
Carrot Cake		\$5				
Burgers				Coffee		
Chicken Schnitzel Burger		\$12		Cappuccino, Latte, Flat White		
Plain Hamburger		\$12		Small	\$4	
				Medium	\$4.50	
Drinks				Large	\$5.10	
Fruity Pop Top		\$2.50		Hazelnut, Caramel or Vanilla Syrup	Extra 50c	
- Apple & Blackberry				Almond, Soy or Lactose Free Milk	Extra 50c	
-Apple						
-Orange						

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