



Parklands
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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Good afternoon parents and caregivers

We would like to extend our thanks to all of our Parklands families for your patience, cooperation and encouragement during this last week. We each have personally appreciated the messages of support and the rallying of our community as we navigate this challenging situation. Now, even with the uncertainty of the second round of scheduled testing, we move into another season of [PCC@Home](#), a season that will hopefully last just this week (Monday 3 to Friday 7 August inclusive). Our Education team have prioritised **flexibility** into our approach, as we appreciate the various circumstances that students, families and teachers are facing. Some may be able and wanting to fully engage with a comprehensive learning program, while others will be navigating personal pressures, technology restrictions, testing and other logistical and emotional challenges.

PCC@HOME APPROACH

Our goal is to minimise interruption to learning as much as possible, share the Parklands care that is core to who we are, and provide a sense of stability during quarantine. We absolutely do not want this week (in spite of the new testing requirement) to be any more stressful for families than it already is, so please be flexible and have your children engage with [PCC@Home](#) to the degree that is comfortable for your circumstances. All going well, we will return to face to face learning on Monday, 10th August, when we will work with students to regroup and make adjustments as needed as we move forward. If you anticipate that your child can't engage at all with learning from home, please let us know. Teachers will give direction for their year level/subject, which may vary from person to person as we are also mindful of the stress and challenges that teachers are personally facing. They have had very little time to prepare for online learning and therefore will be doing the best they can within their own personal constraints.

PRIMARY

We understand that there has been no preparation for this event and the circumstances involving our previous PCC@Home learning allowed for significant preparation of learning resources. Our aim for the next five days is to provide learning experiences in our core *literacy and numeracy* focuses, whilst making learning relevant and accessible to the real world. Whilst being conscious of the unprecedented circumstances, we aim to provide continuity of learning through our modified learning program and Google Sites platform. Our teachers are preparing their year level Google Sites, and from Monday morning, you can access your child's learning in the same way via [PCC@Home](#) as you did in Term 2. We are aware that our primary students may not have access to learning resources and devices, and may have siblings they share devices with, so be realistic and flexible with expectations of their learning journey. If you have any questions or concerns about the learning, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher directly.

SECONDARY

Our Secondary students did an excellent job during [PCC@Home](#), and we are optimistic that they can continue their learning during the next five days. As each Secondary student has access to a device (in most instances) and regularly accesses Sites as part of their face to face classes, our students should be able to continue making progress at home, where personal circumstances allow it, liaising directly with their subject teachers. Secondary teachers are bolstering their existing subject Sites to have flexibility, clear directions for students, providing useful work to focus students at home, and may engage the use of Google Meets and Classroom.



Students in Years 11 & 12 will be expected to demonstrate a high level of independence and initiative, working hard with their teachers to maintain the momentum of their learning and progress towards assessment.

SUPPORT & CONTACT

If for any reason your child/ren can't engage or work online, please don't stress as staff will do all they can to work with and catch them up on their return, particularly for the lower years. We are here to support our Parklands families and encourage you to let us know how we can help. As we can't guarantee that phone lines will be accessible, and as Facebook won't be online for some time, email will be the best way to make contact for the next little while. If you need any assistance contact your child's teacher directly, or for general enquiries contact studentservices@parklands.qld.edu.au. If the College can be of any further support at this time, be it financial, prayer, supplies, or other, please let us know.

Kindest Regards

Through the Principal

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