

26 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - COLLEGE UPDATE

As the College has continued to navigate the ever-changing nature of the Coronavirus in Australia, there has been mounting pressure placed on staff in schools to provide both direct classroom instruction combined with learning from home options for students. As you could imagine, this has placed a huge load on our staff. Thank you for the support and encouragement that you have offered our staff during this challenging time. It has been a great encouragement to the staff team to receive the many words of encouragement and thanks.

To enable the College to plan ahead, regular classes on site at Genesis will cease for Term 1 at the end of Tuesday 31 March and holidays for students will begin early. We understand that for several of our families, you will be unable to provide care for your child/ren at home on these days. Therefore, the College will be providing **supervised care on both Wednesday and Thursday**. Staff at the College will arrange a variety of activities across these days for students who need to attend school.

Friday 3 April is the scheduled Student Free Day and no supervision will be provided on this day.

Little Genesis will remain **OPEN**. **Outside School Hours Care** and **Vacation Care** will also remain **OPEN**. **Eden Eats** will close as of the end of this week, **Friday 27 March**.

College staff will utilise these days next week to continue to prepare and plan for the potential need to launch **Genesis@Home** (our learning from home solution) which will be used in the event of a school closure at the beginning of Term 2.

Some Secondary students may still have assessments scheduled for the remainder of the week. These assessments are able to be submitted electronically to the classroom teacher on the due date. All assignments are required to be submitted through Turnitin as is normal College protocol.

As previously communicated, for students who have missed Year 11 and 12 exams, an AARA and Special Consideration form and associated documentation is required and can be accessed from Parent Lounge. Missed exams will be rescheduled for a later date.

We are hoping to publish Year 7-11 Progress Reports at the end of Week 10. Unit 3 Reports will no longer be published in Week 2 due to disruptions to the exam block and are now only likely to be published after Confirmation in May. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Can I remind you again of our Pastoral Care Hub which has been created as a central point for families in the Genesis community. Students, parents, carers and staff are invited to email pastoral@genesis.qld.edu.au and share with us prayer points, practical requests and emotional support needs. These concerns will be treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Finally, can I again leave you with the verse that I shared in the [recent video update](#) sent to our community.

Psalm 121:1 & 2, *"I lift my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."*

Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Sterling', written in a cursive style.

Paul Sterling
Principal