

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

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Important College Dates

TERM 3

- 5th Aug to 13th Sept Remote Learning
- 9th Sept GAT
- 18 Sept Last day of Term

TERM 4

- 5th Oct Term Commences
- 9th Nov VCE Exams commence
- 10th Nov—Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
- 18 Dec Last day of Term

It is the end of another week and we are half way through Stage 4 restrictions. We will get there! I have not been in touch with the school community as much as in previous weeks, this is due to very little new information coming from the Department of Education and Training. At this stage, this is probably a good thing. I will let you know of any new developments, particularly as they apply to a potential return to learning on site.

So, with no new news to share I think this forum is a good opportunity to share a little bit about what I have learnt to be grateful for. We constantly dwell on the things we can't do and the plans cancelled – for me it was weekends away with friends, long service leave to travel in Asia, missed birthday celebrations, the annual family camping trip, no walks along the beach and going to restaurants. These are all things that in the greater scheme of things are irrelevant and can be planned for and enjoyed in the future.

In the past, I have taken for granted dropping in to see my elderly mum, putting it off after a busy week. Annoyed at my eldest son for only dropping in when he has washing to do. Looking at the dog and putting her outside rather than taking her for a walk. Cramming us much in to a weekend as possible. How things change! I'm still not keen on doing the laundry, but to meet up with my eldest for a walk on the weekend is precious, as is dropping the groceries in to my mum each Saturday morning and doing the quiz each weekend with my youngest.

Years ago, I trained as a Home Economics teacher and I loved teaching my classes, whether it be cooking in the junior levels or Human Development at VCE. It was something I always wanted to do and I enjoyed sharing my passion with my students. As life becomes busy, some things become a chore and you lose the passion. After teaching classes, the last thing I wanted to do was be inspired at home to cook dinner for family and friends. In isolation, I have rediscovered my love of cooking – not just everyday meals but challenging myself to learn new skills, flavour profiles and cuisines. It is something that I share with my family and it brings us together. My kitchen looks like a bomb has hit it sometimes but that too is part of the fun.

I think, like others, I have learnt to slow down and realise that my days and especially weekends do not have to be jam packed trying to do everything. Sitting around the fire pit has become a weekend regular, just chatting about whatever.

What have you learnt? How has isolation changed your perspective?

Instead of dwelling on everything that has been cancelled and missed, think about the new memories that can be made, the different memories. Think of ways to connect with each other and switch off the devices for a little while!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Take care

Allison Bennett
Principal



Statement of Commitment

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