

St Michael's Parish School

ASHBURTON



268 HIGH STREET ASHBURTON VIC 3147 PH: 9885 3105 FAX: 9885 0070
EMAIL: principal@smashburton.catholic.edu.au

23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

I write to you to confirm that our school will follow the recommendation from the Victorian Government and the Chief Health Officer that school holidays commence from Tuesday 24 March.

As a result, Monday 23 March will be the final day of classes for Term 1, 2020.

Students have been asked to ensure they take their requirements and stationery home at the conclusion of classes today.

For those parents who are currently working in **essential services** (ambulance, fire, hospitals, medical professions etc.), the school can provide supervision for their children during school hours for the remainder of this week. If you are intending to send your child to school, please notify me as to the essential service you are involved in, along with your child's name, to allow us to have adequate supervision during the day.

We expect that Term Two will begin on Tuesday 14 April, which is a student-free day, with students scheduled to return on Wednesday 15 April.

Any changes to these dates will be guided by the ongoing advice of the Chief Health Officer, and will be communicated to parents.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions. These are available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

You can also find information about Catholic education's response to COVID-19 at www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents.

In the meantime, we thank all in our community for your ongoing understanding as we seek to keep our school communities safe. Further updates will be provided if there are additional changes. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely
Meredith Bennett
Principal