



# Chisholm Catholic Primary School

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## **COVID - 19** Chisholm Update for Week 1 of Term 3

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Friday, 9 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday morning, Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced that the lockdown that we have experienced in recent weeks will continue until 16 July. NSW school students have been asked to stay home from school for Week 1 of Term 3.

These recent developments have meant that from **Tuesday, 13 July 2021** Chisholm Catholic Primary School will be moving to an online delivery of learning using Google Classroom and Compass. Learning tasks will be available for Kindergarten to Year 6 students from 3.00pm on Monday, 12 July 2021. Whether the learning is accessed from school or at home, it will be the same.

During this time away from school:

- All parents & carers are asked to be respectful in their communication with staff at all times.
- Teachers can be contacted via email for all learning queries. A response will be given within 24 hours between 8.45am- 3.00pm.
- Students will be expected to continue their learning from home within the usual school hours. They will be supported by their teachers using Google Classroom and Compass.
- Kindergarten to Year 2 students will receive Learning tasks to complete through parent/carer emails via Compass.
- Students in Years 3 to 6 will be able to direct questions about their learning to their teachers via email or through Google Classroom.
- Learning tasks will be uploaded onto Google Classroom or emailed through Compass as required.
- Staff will be maintaining their regular work hours during this time.
- Staff will be conducting regular scheduled meetings as normal.
- The School office will operate as usual from 8:00am - 4:00pm.
- Excursions that were scheduled for the beginning of Term 3 have been postponed until further notice. The school will communicate new dates at a later stage.
- Our Mascot Ignite Day will also be held at a later date to be advised.
- The canteen will be closed.

**The school will continue to operate with onsite supervision for children who need to be at school (children of essential workers, vulnerable students, or students who have no other supervision options). Please email me directly if this is the case for your family situation.**

- Children who attend school will enter and exit via the school office or the side (car park) gate. We ask that only one(1) parent/carer drop off and/or pick up.
- All parents/carers must sign in and out using the Service NSW QR code for our school .



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- Physical distancing guidelines are to be maintained at all times - this includes the 4 square metre restrictions and 1.5m distancing for adults.
- Masks are to be worn if you enter the school office. (Maximum of 3 visitors at a time)
- If your child is sick (has a fever/cold or flu symptoms) please keep them at home. We will be sending home any child who displays these symptoms at school.

Please direct any enquiries to the school office by phone or via email at [chisholm@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:chisholm@parra.catholic.edu.au)

We encourage you to take this time to connect with your children. Learning at home is important but it is not your biggest priority. Stress is transferred from us to our children. I am sure our children have heard and seen things recently that are scary and worrying to them. Pushing and fighting with our kids to do their learning from home can be challenging.

Provide some down time, be flexible but consistent. Comfort them, read to them, read together, watch TV, cook, play a game, build with lego or go out into the garden. Reminisce about when you and they were younger using photos and telling stories of the past. Build those important connections. We know that our brains do not allow effective learning if we feel stressed. It is a time however, to build resilience. Remain positive, be patient, have fun and learn as you go.

Our dedicated Chisholm staff will continue to do what is necessary to support our students with their learning and wellbeing in these challenging times. Please contact me if there is anything we can assist you with.

As always the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and parents & carers is our priority.

Thanking you for your cooperation, trust and support during this time.

Take Care & Good Health

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