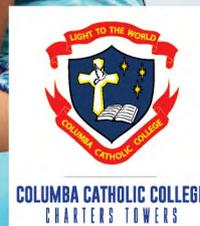


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Residential News

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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Students and Staff,

This week we welcome back the Year 11 & 12 students to the school. It is a wonderful thing to see our boarders back, for we have certainly missed their presence around the school. No doubt the students will be able to share some stories about their time in "isolation" from their friends, school and wider community. I am also looking forward to the rest of our boarders returning soon.

Next week (May 17-23), is National Boarding Week. The theme this year is "Staying Connected". We have plans in place for some great activities that our boarders can be part of, including a number of video productions and a special dinner. So please keep an eye on the College's Facebook site and the Boarding Google Classrooms for more information.

I feel it timely to remind parents and caregivers, that boarding students who are still studying on the online platform, that 'tutoring online' is available for our child/ren. I encourage all boarding students to take advantage of this service, including those who are now back in residence. Tutoring can be accessed by booking a session through the relevant Google Boarding Classroom (Classwork/Boarding Study/On-line Tutoring Nomination Form – Term 2).

On Monday 11 May we convened this term's Boarder Parent Council Meeting via Zoom. Matters pertaining to boarding were raised and discussed. This group provides the school's Boarding Team with valuable insight on what things are working well and

areas that can be improved. It is also a great way for school staff to stay connected with boarding parents and caregivers.

As we navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic, it is extremely important that all involved in the College community adhere to the State and National Health system's recommendations and stipulations. Sanitisation and social distancing play an important role in keeping our school community safe. This also includes visitors not being permitted in the residences. To keep your sons and daughters as safe as possible and to minimise the threat of residential facilities being contaminated, a sign-in and sign-out register will be maintained at the front door of each residence.

I wish everyone a great fortnight.

Regards



Dan Kyle
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL -
PASTORAL/RESIDENTIAL**



RESIDENTIAL LEADER REPORT - BOYS

Although we have limited numbers in residence, we have still managed to keep the students engaged with components of the Residential Life Skills program, as well as delivering aspects of this online to help keep us all connected in these uncertain times.

Boys have been cooking, washing, ironing and participating in all of the crazy ideas that the Residential Leaders for both Boys' and Girls' boarding can come up with. All have participated in the fun, so stay tuned to Google Classroom to see what happens next.

Sunday was an important day where we celebrated the important women in our lives. Happy Mother's Day to you all. Phone calls made home, cards posted and photos posted online. "Because of you they can".

Next week commencing the 17th May through to the 23rd May is "National Boarding Week" and the theme is "Staying Connected". Now more than ever this means so much to all of us and we will be running a competition again through Google Classroom, so students/parents please read, participate in the fun and come up with your most innovative location to showcase your..... you will have to sign into Google Classroom.

We would love parents to send in some photos of where and how your son does his study at home so that we can make a collage of photos to hang in each residence. This shows the adaptability and resilience of you all to overcome what has been cast upon us through this pandemic.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing all of our students back in boarding soon.

If you have any concerns, please email me on lfuller7@columba.catholic.edu.au or phone or message on 0438 489 917.

Llana Fuller
RESIDENTIAL LEADER BOYS' BOARDING

RESIDENTIAL LEADER REPORT - GIRLS

Week 4 has seen our numbers double as we welcome back more members of the Good Samaritan Residence. It is wonderful to see our residential students slowly return and embrace the boarding routines and the changes in boarding according to the Covid 19 restrictions. The current restrictions in the residence have become a normal day to day routine of keeping healthy and practising good hygiene.

We are very fortunate to be experiencing beautiful weather at the moment which makes spending time outside a wonderful pastime. The girls have enjoyed outside activities such as planting flowers and creating a vegetable garden.

One of the highlights each weekend has still been the campfire on a Saturday night with Boys' Boarding and having a hot Milo and marshmallows. The girls have been very creative with their cooking skills and have made some delicious snacks and desserts.

Google Classroom has been one way that we have remained connected with boarding students and it has been awesome to see such a great response to our online competitions each week. Last week we posted a Life Skills Program segment on Health and Hygiene which was delivered by our College nurse, Terrina Muston.

We hope that you all stay connected and we look forward to seeing you all back soon. Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards
Michelle Burns
RESIDENTIAL LEADER GIRLS' BOARDING

