



30/03/20

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND INFORMATION TO ASSIST PREPARATION FOR TEMPLE ONLINE

(1) TEMPLE ONLINE

Dear parents,

Thank you for your support for the school and for the school community during this time of uncertainty.

Temple Christian College Marion Middle School, as part of the wider Temple community, has been preparing for the launch of Temple Online in Term 2.

We are pleased to be part of a school where the students and staff have access to quality devices and software, and where we are supported by an excellent IT team. We are grateful for the learning we were able to glean from the trial day last Thursday and from our collegial sharing both locally and across the Temple campuses.

The adjustments have been significant for both students and staff, and no doubt there have been adaptations for you as parents as you are contemplating this new, hopefully not extended, reality.

We still have fine-tuning to do in optimising Temple Online, but many essentials have been put in place. You would have received a letter from Mr Rijken on Friday (27/03). This letter included instructions for students about what needs to be done by way of preparation between now and the end of term (this coming Friday 03/04). The letter also included a link (included below) to a document outlining procedures and expectations for staff, students and parents.

[Online Teaching & Learning Procedures and Expectations for students & parents](#)

(2) HELPING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SELF-ISOLATING

A complication for those students who have been self-isolating over the past few weeks is that they have not all had the opportunity to download some recently advocated useful software (Zoom and Team Viewer), and they have missed some instruction on the full utilisation of SEQTA.

- Students do need to be on-site to install this software. I have attached a help sheet for this process. For those who are self-isolating, connection should be possible from the carpark if they want to remain outside the school buildings.
- I have also attached a help sheet to assist with accessing SEQTA and using key aspects of it.

This week, Temple Online is not fully operational. Students at home will, however, be able to access clear instructions from their teachers regarding this week's on-site academic activity via the specific subject tabs within the COURSES tab in SEQTA.

(3) LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Last night, Mr Rijken updated the school's response in light of the latest message (29/03) from the Prime Minister.

Effectively:

- Students are encouraged to stay home if at all practicable. The school will remain open for those who, prior to holidays, cannot stay home.
- Temple will transition to purely online learning effective immediately.
- Throughout the remainder of Week 10 staff will have notes on SEQTA for all of their classes. Students who are onsite will also access online notes in SEQTA, however this may not be in their usual classroom or with their usual teacher.
- Holidays (3 weeks) begin at the end of this week
- Temple Online will be fully operational by Term 2.

(4) IMPORTANT PREPARATION FOR ONLINE LEARNING

It is important that all students prepare for online learning. Some of the steps below may necessitate students coming briefly on site. We encourage the following actions to be accomplished by Wednesday 1st April 2020:

- Collect personal medication from the Front Office
- Take all required books, including textbooks, home from lockers
- (as mentioned previously) Download Team Viewer and Zoom apps from the Software Centre on their laptops (must be completed on-site)

(5) ONLINE LEARNING TIMETABLE

In Week 10, the lesson time starts for Temple Online will be as per usual (students needing clarification will be able to check this on TIMETABLE in SEQTA).

An adjusted Online timetable will come into effect for all students from Monday 27th April, 2020 at the beginning of Term 2. More details about this will be provided before the end of this week.

(6) SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD

From Monday 6th April all Middle School students will be on holidays for a 3-week break. We would encourage students and families to have a relaxing extended Term 1 break, so students feel refreshed when they re-engage with learning on Monday 27th April, 2020.

(7) COMMUNICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

We understand that there has been a great deal of communication emanating from the school, and we sincerely thank you for your continued patience and support. As online learning takes shape we ask that you keep a close eye on our website, email and social media. We will endeavour to keep you current with all the latest updates as they become available.

We do not want you to feel that the communication is all one way. Please contact me or your child's care group teacher if you need any questions answered or other assistance given in ensuring the details are in place for the weeks to come.

Yours in Christ



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