



Thursday, 26 March 2020

Dear Temple Community

Thank you for your continued support of the College during these very difficult and uncertain times. Sadly, the situation is only going to become more complex going forward and this will continue to raise anxiety about the future. Into this space I deeply desire to bring some level of certainty and control over those areas for which the College is responsible.

Early end to Term 1 on Friday 3 April

We are currently in a transition phase where staff are still conducting face to face lessons although a growing number of students are staying at home. This has been difficult to manage for staff and is not workable going forward. The Government has decided that Term 1 will finish early and the last day will be Friday April 3rd. This will give students a 3-week holiday break and our staff some valuable time to prepare for Term 2.

Online Learning starts Term 2 on Monday 27 April

At the start of Term 2, Temple Christian College will go Online for all year levels and subjects. The College will remain open as directed by the Government and students if they wish can still attend. All students will be using the online format when they are on site although they will be able to connect with their teachers face to face to ask questions and receive assistance. This change will give greater certainty and enable all our students to continue to engage in their learning either from home or from within the school facilities.

Contained within the documents attached at the end of this letter is a link to the **Term 2 Online Learning Survey** that we are asking all parents to complete as soon as possible. This information will enable us to prepare for both onsite and at home learning.

I am deeply committed to the learning and development of every Temple student and have been very concerned for students at home and our inability to be able to support them in their learning. I have also been deeply concerned for the welfare of our staff trying to navigate how they look after students both on site and at home.

Preparing for Online Learning

If you have already chosen for your child to stay at home please be patient for the remainder of this term. Staff will be at the College during Week 11 preparing for these changes for Temple Online, beginning Term 2.



All students will need to ensure that they are prepared for Online Learning by completing the following steps prior to Friday 3rd April:

- Step 1 – Collect all textbooks and contents from their personal lockers
- Step 2 – Ensure that they have fully installed Zoom and Team Viewer software (which must be completed whilst within the school facilities – see attached documentation)

There are several logistical implications that will need to be carefully completed for Temple Online to work well for your child. Included with this letter below, are the important documents explaining what needs to happen.

We ask that you spend some time going through each step knowing that we are here to help and support you through this process. It is particularly important if your child is already working from home.

I am so grateful that we serve a God who deeply loves each of us and cares for us. We are called as a community of believers to also express that deep love and care for those around us. We do not need to be fearful; *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you”* ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#)).

Yours in Christ

Principal

Online Learning – Important Documents

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| Document 1 | <u>Guide to Installing Team Viewer and Zoom for students</u> |
| Document 2 | <u>Online Teaching & Learning Procedures and Expectations for students & parents</u> |
| Document 3 | <u>Important Social Distancing Information for students</u> |
| Document 4 | <u>Term 2 Online Learning Survey for parents</u> |