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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE 15 April 2020

This update is intended for principals and school staff only and not for distribution to the wider school community. This update has been sent to Parish Priests by the Director.

Primary School Fee Concessions

Circular [69-20](#), Primary School Fee Concession Procedures Interim Amendment, provides important information for primary schools regarding a streamlined school fee concession process for use in Term 2 2020.

Primary School Finance and Administration

Circular [70-20](#), Primary School Finance and Administration – Working Remotely, provides important information and documentation for primary schools to assist in the areas of finance and administration whilst working remotely.

VCAL – Structured Workplace Learning

Structured Workplace Learning may continue for VCE students, provided that the Principal is satisfied that:

- Appropriate social distancing is in place at the workplace
- The student is not unwell
- The student is not self-isolating
- The workplace has appropriate procedures in place to manage the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

There may be some workplaces where Structured Workplace Learning may not be able to take place, for example, aged care facilities. There are a number of other ways in which a school can make alternative arrangements to assist students to be engaged in learning and assessment activities. This will enable them to demonstrate achievement of the VCAL learning outcomes.

Further information is available from the [VCAA](#).

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Online Safety Advice

In these uncertain times, children may feel isolated or anxious, and might see family members disturbed by the COVID-19 impacts. Away from school, children have less access to their usual support systems including friends, teachers and counsellors.

The eSafety Commissioner has provided a guide, [COVID-19 Global Online Safety Advice for parents and carers](#).

This guide covers some of the key online safety issues for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. It covers common online safety issues like managing time online, using parent controls and setting and responding to issues like cyberbullying, inappropriate content, sending nudes and contact from strangers.

For more information, please explore the [eSafety website](#).

Employee Assistance Program

During Remote Schooling, staff may experience significant stress and anxiety.

All staff should be able to access a confidential counselling service using the school's Employee Assistance Program.

This information is correct as at 1.00 pm on 15 April 2020.