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Principal's Update



ICT OUTAGE UPDATE

The school is pleased to report that all ICT functions in Golden Grove High School are now almost fully restored after the crypto virus attack. It has taken substantial time to get to this point and I thank the ICT staff for working diligently on this extremely complex work. I also thank staff, students and families for their continued understanding and patience during this time when our ICT staff have been stretched and challenged with multiple competing demands.

All students are able to connect to the internet wirelessly through their laptop. They are able to connect to DayMap and printing services have nearly been fully restored. If students are having any issues with their device they are encouraged to report to the ICT Help Desk for assistance. Students who require a school issued laptop unfortunately are still experiencing a delay, however we expect a resolution to this issue in a week or two.

This has been a stressful time for teaching staff. They have successfully maintained teaching programs, however, this has been difficult to do in some classes where technology is central to the delivery of the course. Teachers have extended deadlines or adjusted assessments as required. This may result in quite a bit of work becoming due in a short period of time for your child. Please work with them to support them with managing their workload.

Our attention now turns to restoring full functionality in the Shared Facilities space (expected by the end of this week) and providing support to staff to repopulate their resources in DayMap, move their files in cloud storage and to catch up on their marking prior to the end of the term.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

The school is receiving daily updates from the Department for Education in regards to the coronavirus. At this point the school is continuing to function as it normally does, however any planned assemblies will not go ahead. Students are still expected to attend school and only need to stay away if they feel unwell (as they usually do). Students who feel unwell, but who have had no contact with a confirmed contact of COVID-19 are not required to be tested for the virus.

All families should have received an email last Friday (13 March) from the school sent on behalf of the Chief Executive of the Department and the Minister for Education. A summary of their advice provided is:

- Any child, student or staff member who has travelled overseas and returned to Australia after 12.00pm on Sunday 15 March must self-isolate for 14 days.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 must self-isolate for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- All returned travellers who develop symptoms (especially fever and cough) within 14 days of returning from anywhere overseas should seek testing for COVID-19, and self-isolate while awaiting test results.
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded from school until they are medically cleared to return.

The school is monitoring the situation on a daily basis and will inform families as soon as we receive further instructions. In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to maintain high standards of personal hygiene by washing their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating, and covering a cough or sneeze with the inside of their elbow.

Peter Kuss
Principal