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# *Holy Spirit Community School*

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## Message from the Principal

6-5-20

Dear parents, friends and Father Arsenio

Welcome to another week of school, once again in a much different format. I'm so appreciative of the cooperation from all of you in relation to home schooling. I cannot thank you enough nor acknowledge how hard this is. I do have a little insight as I assist students on site and I feel like we never get around to them quickly enough, and I am not logging the students in nor supervising full time. The 'hall pass' idea hopefully provided a little relief this past week. I am in a difficult position because the guidelines given to us by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) is very clear in stating that if parents work from home the student MUST be at home. I can assure you the conflicting information is not helpful in the media.

I along with the staff, are looking forward to welcoming all in our community back to school as soon as possible. To this end there will be a communication from Andrew Conway (school board chair) and myself next week after the premier has reviewed the situation on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We want to ensure that the needs of our students are met and that parents have input into what this looks like for our school.

We will also be looking for some feedback from our families next week. Andrew and I will be online for at least two sessions and anyone who would like to, is welcome to join us and chat about remote learning. Watch out on Dojo and email for further details.

Finally, just a reminder that we are taking enrolments for Prep 2021. If you are aware that families are looking please recommend our school and direct them to our website.

Have a great week

Duncan



# PARISH NEWS

There is no news from the Parish given we are still in lockdown. We will remain so till we hear from the Archdiocese as to when we can return to normal business and are able to open the Church, Chapel and Parish House. We are still here (working from home) and you may leave phone messages or send us an email ([Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)).

Given the current situation and restrictions, we still wish all our beautiful mums a Happy Mother's Day for this coming Sunday. We all know that it will be very different but we are sure you will still have a wonderful day with your children. May God bless you all and above all stay safe.

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## Prayer of the Week

### A Prayer for all Mothers,

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,  
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible,  
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.  
For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.  
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance,  
with strength and patience and joy.  
Give them the ability to forgive again and again.  
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.  
In Your precious and all powerful name,  
Amen*

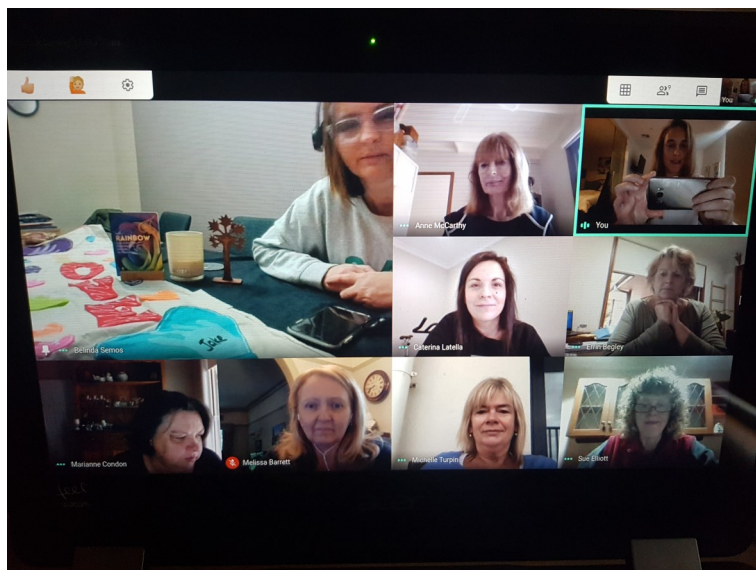
*Happy  
Mother's Day*



# SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to Bree on the birth of her baby boy  
**LEWIS**



## *Prayer/Mediation For Roman*

Feel free to join the mediation every Thursday at 8.30am via this link—  
[meet.google.com/ucu-iaaf-kod](https://meet.google.com/ucu-iaaf-kod)

## School Fees & Advertising

The current shut down in our community has seen a number of businesses affected by a loss of income. We would like to offer free advertising in our newsletter (amongst other places) to the businesses run by our families.

If a loss of income is affecting you please let me know so we can put in place suitable arrangements around the payment of fees. No student will miss out.

For all other families I would ask that regular payments continue to be made. Once we return to school and adjustments or discounts that need to be applied will be done so when we have all of the relevant data and information.

With thanks

Duncan

**Happy Mother's Day**  
**to all our Amazing**  
**HS Mums!!**

TO THE WORLD  
YOU ARE A  
*Mother*  
BUT TO YOUR FAMILY  
♥ YOU ARE THE ♥  
*World*



# Catholic Education Today



Dear Principal

I wish to advise that the second edition of *Catholic Education Today* for 2020 is now available on the Catholic Education Melbourne website [www.cem.edu.au](http://www.cem.edu.au) under *News and Events / Catholic Education Today*.

The Term 2 edition focuses on 'keeping the light of Christ' with articles that reflect Catholic schools' point of difference: from supporting local communities by providing fee-relief to promoting slavery-free resources to make a difference on a global level. This issue explores the interreligious culture in our schools, contains guidance to help families with remote learning, and celebrates student achievement in the digital Creative Arts Exhibition and events 'Around the Archdiocese'.

As always, I am grateful for your assistance in sharing the magazine with your school community. Please include a link to the [online version](#) on your website and/or in your newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Jim Miles  
Acting Executive Director



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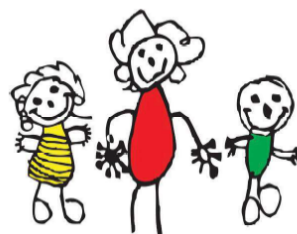
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## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on School Students with Disability

### What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or 'help' at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

### Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word 'disability' comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student's learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

### What does word 'disability' mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word 'disability' comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students who need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the child's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

### **What sort of help does the school give students?**

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

### **How will the NCCD be different in 2018?**

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

### **What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?**

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each student. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the student and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports, along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans), helps the school to understand and meet the student's needs.

### **What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?**

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

### **Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?**

Changes were made to the law ([Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#)). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

### **Where can I find out more?**

If you have questions, you can ask your child's school for help. You can find out more by looking at these links:

- [NCCD national website](#)
- [Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)
- [Australian Government Department of Education and Training–NCCD](#)
- [2019 Students with Disabilities \(SWD\) Information Sheet for Schools, Parents, Carers and Guardians.](#)