



## TARNEIT P-9 COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud of the work our teachers and students have completed during these unprecedented times. Thank you to our teachers who have worked tirelessly to deliver remote learning to our community and to our wonderful students who have adapted effortlessly. We miss seeing and teaching our students face to face in the classroom, but we have seen students develop a number of skills that will set them up for the rest of their lives.

This experience has opened up our student's eyes to learning outside the classroom. With a more flexible home learning environment, students have developed time management skills while completing their work. They have adapted to the use of technology effectively and they have been using their devices responsibly.

Learning from home comes with plenty of potential distractions but it also presents a golden opportunity for students to develop a more mature outlook to their education. Our students have risen to this challenge and developed the ability to self-discipline and be lifelong learners.

I always like to share some excellent student work in our newsletters. Please see below a response to a question posed on Google Classroom from Arfa in 6JR. Students were learning about the three levels of law making and were asked to explore why Federal law can override State law.

***I think that the Federal Parliament should have the final say; they represent Australia as a whole and as such, it would be odd if all but one state or territory had to abide a specific law. I also feel as if though the federal parliament is the least biased of all the levels of government, because their responsibility is all of Australia instead of just a specific part. Perhaps, because of that, they'd make the decisions that would benefit the most people.***

***Also, the state should never have more power than the federal. At the risk of sounding like a conspiracist, what would happen if one state got too much power? It certainly wouldn't be great for the rest of Australia; what if the state wished to leave the Commonwealth, and they were able to because of the lack of jurisdiction on the nation's behalf?***

***I think this provision was included in the constitution to make some sort of statement to the lower levels of government that the Federal Parliament was the one that was really pulling the strings.***

***(By the way, sorry if I got a little too into to it. In the past year, I have really started gaining a strong interest in politics, even in countries other than Australia.)***



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A reminder to parents that if you need any support email your child's teacher directly through Compass or alternatively call our College Administration on 9749 0506.

Kind Regards,



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