



**This information was last updated and is current as at Friday 9 April. Additional updates will be provided as required and when information changes.**

**This update provides information about how the school will operate during Term 2 and provides further 'student learning from home' support information.**

Dear Parents/Carers

In Term 2 the College will proceed on the following basis:

### **Student attendance**

**The following may seem a little cautious but I need you to be confident that we are doing our very best to keep your child, and staff safe from COVID-19.**

- The directive from the State Government that parents keep their children at home if possible has not changed since it was announced by the Premier on March 26.
- Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home.
- The College is working on the basis that students will be at home and not coming to school during Term 2 until otherwise informed. There are some special exemptions (to maintain employment or if you are an essential worker, and for both cases, cannot arrange alternate supervision of your children), but general attendance at the College is not expected.
- Students attending the College:
  - a. Will assemble in the main library to undertake the online learning program. They will work on the same modified curriculum as the students at home. There will be no practical classes.
  - b. Will be organised in a manner to ensure their ongoing health and wellbeing.
    - i. All students will be required to ensure hand hygiene throughout the day.
    - ii. Strict social distancing in class and in the yard will be insisted on.
    - iii. Students will be required to bring their own morning tea and lunch as the canteen is currently planned to be closed.
    - iv. Students must arrive at school by 8.45am, and if late, parents will be contacted to discuss this.

## **Student Learning**

Please be assured that there is no expectation from me as the Principal or from the staff, that you will be replacing the curriculum, learning opportunities, explicit teaching, assessment and feedback that would normally be provided here at the College.

These are unique times we find ourselves in. To provide an educational program for your children, the staff have been working hard to establish our online (through SEQTA) curriculum and student communication platform. Please remember you are not home-schooling, you are supporting your children to undertake a modified online education program during the period of community self-isolation and containment to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

Although we are suggesting your children follow their College timetable for subject study, we also recognise that while this is an effective operational model at school, it may not always work at all times at home. It is a starting point, and the focus should be on children establishing a realistic schedule and routine that allows them to work as effectively as possible to complete the learning requirements.

It is also important that as best as possible, you ensure your children have the opportunity to remain socially connected, physically active and have appropriate 'down' time.

Please remember, parents/carers are encouraged to contact the College to discuss study or other concerns you may have regarding your child. Student support remains important for us and our Student Services staff will continue to work with parents to support their children's wellbeing during Term 2.

Additional support documents to assist your children to work at home have been added to the College website in the 'Home Set Up' section under the 'Work From Home' tab:

- E-safety practices when participating in online learning
- Learning space checklist
- Learning from home guidance

These documents will be revised and new documents included as Term 2 gets under way.

## **Online Study Program**

- From Thursday April 9 student work, for each year level, and each learning area subject will be available through the College's online learning and information platform, SEQTA.
- Instructions for students on how to access SEQTA, how to change passwords, how to navigate through SEQTA and how to access their Department of Education (DoE) email address have been previously made available to you.
- These instructions are available on the College website under the 'Work From Home' tab, or from the 'Recent Posts' section on the home page.
- Parents can also contact the College on 9262 7777 if you require support or further information to allow your child to access SEQTA and or DoE email.

- Teachers will also be contacting students regarding subject learning requirements through SEQTA and email. The College is also setting up the DoE approved, WebEx communication software, to allow live classroom communication. Further information about this will be provided in early Term 2.
- If you do not have viable internet access or sufficient devices at home for your child to access SEQTA and or email, please contact the College to discuss alternate arrangements for accessing your child's course work.
- If you, or any other parent/carer you know, has difficulty in reading our communications, please contact the College, or ask them to contact us, so we can assist in providing the information needed.

## Take Care

- With the greatest respect, please look after yourself. If you do not look after yourself then you are not in a good position to look after your children. For some of us this is a very traumatic time, and it is having a considerable effect upon all of us. It's important to recognise this, and even though it can be difficult, ask for help if needed. The College is only too willing to assist with this if you would like us to.
- The Department of Education has advised that SafeZone Counselling in collaboration with ADHD WA is now offering a free virtual support group for teens (ages 14 to 17). The first meeting will be held Thursday 16 April 2020. Note that places are limited and the group is for ADHD WA members only. If you are interested, please contact ADHD WA before Monday April 13, 2020 at [www.adhdwa.org/contact/](http://www.adhdwa.org/contact/) or call 0437 135 641.
- Please remember that if urgent mental health advice and support is required for yourself or your children, there is a 24 hour crisis support line 1800 048 636.
- In terms of school information and COVID – 19. I will continue to provide you with any changing or new information that may impact your child's education, inform you about any operational changes at the College that effects your children and maintain these updates regularly as we move into Term 2.
- In terms of curriculum information and COVID – 19. As soon as possible when schools are informed I will provide information from the Department of Education and School Curriculum and Standards Authority detailing modifications to secondary schooling curriculum and assessment requirements for Years 7 to 10, and Year 11 and 12 WACE, for the 2020 school year.
- Administration College staff will be available over the school vacation, however we will be working with a reduced staff over this period. If necessary you can still contact the College at this time.

By taking a realistic approach, understanding that we are all doing our best, and working together we will get through this and be much stronger as a community for it. Thank you for your continuing support, understanding and efforts. They are much appreciated by myself and the College staff.

Our best thoughts and wishes to you.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Cottrill

Principal