



16 April 2020

COVID-19 Update #8

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you that your children have had a good holiday despite the situation. As the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, our school has been planning for a variety of scenarios — the main scenario being that students may need to learn at home during Term 2. I am writing to confirm the arrangement for our school for Term 2.

The Queensland Government has decided that, in order to reinforce social distancing across the community and slow the spread of COVID-19, students will move to a home-based learning model from 20 April 2020 until at least 22 May 2020 (Weeks 1 to 5 of Term 2). A decision about the remainder of Term 2 will be made by mid-May. **During this period, all students who are able to be supervised at home and learn from home are to stay home.**

As was the case for the student-free days prior to school break, there will be exceptions for some students who will continue to be able to attend school: those whose parents or carers work in essential roles and must attend their workplace and cannot access alternative care and students identified as vulnerable.

Term 2 Arrangements for Learning

It is crucial that all students learning from home who have a device and internet access regularly check their emails. This includes parents too. During the learning from home period, there will be conference calls scheduled and information provided by teachers on an on-going basis via email. We are here to support you through this so please get in contact with us if you or your child requires support with anything.

Prep – Year 10

- Students who attend the College during the 5 week period may not be taught by their usual teacher for the identified subjects: **English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities/HASS and Health and Physical Activity.**
- All students should continue with the fortnight 1 work that was sent home via hardcopy or electronically for the first week of the term. All students who attend school in week 1 will be working on the same work as those students learning at home.
- From Monday of week 2, we all move to OneNote lessons and resources that have been developed. Students learning at home will have access and will be doing the same learning as the students who attend the College.
- There will be two drive throughs scheduled next term for parents or carers without internet or a device at home to collect materials to be used at home for their children. The drive throughs will be scheduled for **Friday of week 1 and Friday of week 3. This service will only be available for families who do not have a device and/or internet access at home.**

Year 11 & 12

- Students should continue with the OneNote platform that was established before the holidays.
- Opportunities for students to contact and get support from the senior teachers will be made available on an on-going basis.



Helpful Hints and Support

Please know that we are here to support you and your children. With our preparation and guidance and your support, I am confident that students will continue to learn in Term 2.

Further information on supporting your child, maintaining healthy learning routines and setting up a learning space at home can be found at <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/learning-at-home/wellbeing-of-students>

While there will be some adjustments along the way as we learn together, our teachers are here to support your child's learning. Please stay connected with your child's teachers, to our school and to one another.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

The College's OSHC service will continue to operate before and after school care.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Will the busses still be running?** *Yes they will be.*
- 2. Do parents need to let the school know to expect their kids if they are coming in on Monday?** *If you intend to send your child or children to school please reply to the text message that was sent out.*
- 3. If you are only working part time, can you still send your kids, or is it only for days you are working?** *If you need to attend your place of work on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for example, you are able to send your child to school if you have no other supervision available.*
- 4. Are students learning the same modules at home and in class?** *Yes, please see the section contained in this letter.*
- 5. If you don't have a laptop or access to good (or any) internet, can I send my child to school?** *No, unless you have to attend your place of work. The College is working on this issue and hardcopy work will be provided in the interim. More information to come.*
- 6. My child has a verified disability, can I send them to school?** *Yes, students with a verified disability fall under the 'vulnerable student' category and they can attend school even though there may be someone at home to supervise.*
- 7. Do you need to provide evidence or give information to support that you are an essential worker to send your kid?** *No, however please ensure that your situation fits any one of the following criteria before you send your child to school:*
 - A) You need to attend your place of work outside of the home and there is no supervision at home or an alternative arrangement can't be made.*
 - B) Your child has a verified disability or they are under a child protection order/arrangement.*

Thank you for the support you are providing both your child and the school during these difficult times. You would have seen that all over Australia and the world, schooling systems are experiencing the same challenges with many countries also moving to home-based learning in response to COVID-19.

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents - <https://qed.qld.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/novel-coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-for-parents>



Our dedicated teachers and support staff continue to be here to teach and support your child. Together we will be learning and doing all we can to support you in this new mode of home-based learning. I assure you we will continue to maintain close contact with you over the next few weeks to provide learning for your child and together we will support each other.

Kind regards

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