

2 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks have seen one of the most significant changes to the way learning is delivered in our lifetimes as a result of the COVID emergency.

With little notice our teachers and staff have transitioned lessons and student wellbeing to a learning from home environment within days.

Similarly, you and your children and young adults have adapted to the online learning environment.

Everyone has done an incredible job - one that a few short weeks ago we would not have thought possible in such a short timeframe.

While we have not been advised of when the existing changes will end and traditional schooling will resume, we are preparing to deliver our term two lessons in the learning from home environment.

I appreciate the challenges that many parents have had in juggling work and family responsibilities while at the same time supervising your child's learning.

Each child is different and how your family manages remote learning will vary according to your particular circumstances.

To assist all our families and our staff with this shift, from Monday April 6th we will be working with our teachers and staff to create and adapt our lesson plans and resources for Term 2. This will mean a few changes for next week:

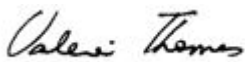
- Firstly, our schools will remain open to supervise the children of workers designated by the Government as essential. No student will be turned away however the Premier's advice of the 23rd of March to keep your learners at home unless undertaking essential work still remains.
- Staff will not be engaging in real time teaching for next week, nor will the normal timetable be operating. This applies for children under supervision at school as well as those learning from home. We of course encourage our year 11 and 12 students to consolidate on their already set work plans.
- Any assessments scheduled for year 11 and 12 learners will continue. Students should contact their teacher or KLA Leader if they have any questions

- Our staff will be using these four days to work on and plan for your child's quality education when we return after the Easter break, in a learning from home environment.

None of these changes prevent students from engaging in independent learning such as reading and research or catching up of work set over the last few weeks. You can find more information from the COVID-19 tab on the Information Page on the College Website. Specific learning information is also available through CANVAS, general information via COMPASS and wellbeing supports through the Psychology links on the splash pages. However, we are encouraging students and families to take a break as much as possible and be ready to return refreshed on Wednesday, 29 April.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience as well all adjust to learning from home in the age of COVID.

Yours sincerely



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