



Covid-19 Update 12 August- Implementation of Online Learning

Dear Parents and Carers

As you would be aware, this afternoon the ACT Government has announced a strict lockdown and Stay-at-Home orders which will be implemented across the ACT beginning at 5pm Thursday 12 August for 7 days.

The College will be activating our Online Learning Plan beginning with the Pastoral Tutor lesson Monday 16 August. Students will be expected to attend their PT class at 8:45am via the Teams link on their Daranet page, and their subsequent timetabled lesson times for Periods 2-6. A class roll will be taken at the beginning of each lesson.

A copy of the presentation that was delivered earlier in the term by Mr Chris De Britt (Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning) is available on the Live Events tile on Daranet and can be viewed at: [Online Learning Activation Plan](#).

The following resources have been developed and are available for families to access on Daranet via the Pastoral Care tile or through the student's PT page:

- Video conference rules, expectations and access
- Daily Routine Planner
- Daily Routine Planner – Print version
- Student Online Learning Plan
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On Friday 13 August, we encourage students to access the resources that are available on Daranet and their Class OneNote and use this day as a planning and preparation day or a day for completing assessment tasks. There will be no online class Teams meetings on this day. Online Learning will begin at 8:45am Monday 16 August.

The current ACT Stay-at-Home restrictions are very specific as to the reasons for individuals to leave their home. As our staff are required to follow these restrictions, we will only have a small number of staff on site. Staff will not be available to answer telephone calls during this time, so email communication is best at this time.

However, many of our staff are also parents and carers and will be undertaking those responsibilities in addition to providing online learning for our students.

Supervision will be available for students of **essential workers only**. Students will be supervised while they access their learning online with the other members of their classes, including their teachers, who are at home. Students will need to wear a mask while they are on site. The registration process for those students who need to attend school during the Stay-at-Home orders is available on Daranet. The link for the registration to attend each day can be found [HERE](#).

Should the Stay-at-Home orders be extended beyond Thursday 19 August, the College will move to a second stage of Online Learning and I will be communicating this to families once we are aware of an extension of the orders.

We are aware that Year 7-10 Elective forms are due to be submitted on Monday 16 August. Students are encouraged to submit their online choices, and the hard copy form can be submitted once we return to face-to-face learning.

No Co-curricular activities including weekend sport and trainings, Music and Drama will be held during the period that the Stay-at-Home orders are in place.

I would ask that families access the information available on the ACT Covid-19 website www.covid19.act.gov.au to determine if they have visited an exposure site.

As always, should you have any concerns please contact your student's pastoral leader, via email, in the first instance. Their contacts can be found on Daranet at [Pastoral Contact details](#).

A further opportunity for families to access support will be available on Monday 16 August. If you would like to access this support, please accept the link below:

[Online Learning Parent Support Forum \(Mr Chris De Britt\)](#) (Optional Attendance)

Monday 16 August

5:00 – 6:00pm

Agenda

- Simple technical advice to support your child access MS Teams
- Simple reminders as to how learning will work online in the short term
- Q & A in regards to our Online Learning Activation Plan

Please keep safe during this time as our hope is that this short lockdown will enable us to return to face-to-face learning as soon as possible.

Best wishes
Rachel Davies
Principal
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