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Dear parents and students

Welcome to term 2.

No one would have imagined that I would have to communicate with you all via email, video link or some other form of remote communication. It is a strange new world we find ourselves in.

The Department of Education and Training has issued a direction that for the duration of term two April 14th to June 27th, any student who can work from home MUST work from home.

The same direction applies to all of our staff.

For us we will embrace the challenge together. As much as possible we will maintain and protect our sense of community and continue to provide a relevant and rigorous learning program for all of our students.

We often speak about the triad of staff, students and parents that supports our community. This partnership is absolutely vital during this time. We need everyone's cooperation, collaboration and consideration.

Communication is going to be the key to our community working together during this transition to Learning from Home.

Compass remains the most important tool for the College, our students, our parents and our staff to communicate with each other.

The "Learning from Home program"

The student or parent guide to "Learning from Home" is attached to your email and will be available on compass and our website.

The College has developed a "Learning from Home" program that guarantees a continuation of learning for all of our students during term 2. It is our expectation that our students will participate in this program from their home. For some students, where is not possible to engage in their learning at home, the learning program will be provided in-school.

Our teachers will be posting all Lessons, learning plans, assignments and assessments through COMPASS. If our teachers want to use other resources like powerpoint, video or run some online face to face classes, they will organise and communicate this to their students through COMPASS

While we won't be taking attendance for each session, we will be closely monitoring each student's engagement and participation in the Learning from Home program. Subject teachers will keep our Homegroup teachers, Head of House and Wellbeing teams informed of any concerns they have about a student's progress or lack of engagement with the Learning from Home program and parents will be contacted. Parents are encouraged to also identify any issues your child may be experiencing and contact the Homegroup, subject teacher or the College directly.

Further information about monitoring student wellbeing and advice for parents to promote engagement is included in the guide.

THE IN-SCHOOL "Learning from Home" program.

If a child falls into the categories where they cannot work from home, parents will need to complete a DET Onsite Attendance form. Students will be given these on their first day.

The in-school "Learning from Home" program is only available to those students who **cannot** work from home. The program is exactly the same as the "Learning from Home" program that students will work on at home. Students working in-school will be allocated to smaller groups and be supervised by staff from the college (Not their usual timetabled subject teacher). The in-school program will be delivered during normal school hours and students will need to wear uniform while attending on site.

At this stage the canteen will not be operating. Students must bring in their own lunch.

No student will be permitted to leave the school grounds or receive deliveries of any food.

Some parents have already raised concerns that their child may lose motivation, may fall behind, lose focus or need extra support and therefore should attend school. The in-school "Learning from Home" program is not designed to offer extra or individual support or supervision. Parents are encouraged to email their Homegroup teacher and subject teacher to keep them informed of their concerns.

Students are expected to take much more responsibility for their learning and identify early with their teachers of any issues they may be experiencing.

Access to our school during term two.

Access to the College during term 2 is limited to:

- **School staff**
- **Students attending the in school program**
- **Contractors, including cleaners and maintenance workers.**

Despite being given the opportunity to collect their things last term, we are aware that there are a number of students who may wish to access their lockers to pick up work etc. from the school. Please note: These students will *only* have access to the school from Wednesday 15th until Friday 17th (During normal school hours)

Not all areas of the school will be open so students *must* report to the General office and wait for directions. After April 20th students wishing to attend the college for any reason (other than attending the in-school program) must contact the college and make an appointment.

Parents do not have access to the college during term 2.

If you wish to speak with anyone or your please contact the college to make an appointment.

I wish you all well on your new journey of discovery, where you will need to take much more responsibility for your own learning.

I am confident that together we can embrace this opportunity and continue to grow as learners and contributing members of our community.

Please stay safe and stay strong.

Look out for each other and always seek support if you need it.



Principal

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