

8th April, 2020



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Re: Term Two commencement advice

I hope this communication finds you well amid these unprecedented times. Our thoughts and prayers remain with our local community and broader global society as together we continue the battle against this virus.

The Victorian Government announced that *"to increase physical distancing across the population and slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), children in Victorian schools should move to remote and flexible learning and care at the commencement of Term 2."* Term 2 commences next Wednesday 15th April.

The Government has strongly indicated that, **from the start of Term 2 all students who can learn from home must learn at home.**

I know this is not easy and it is a significant task to ask of parents, but these are exceptional circumstances. I want to assure you that teachers of St Mary of the Angels College, though working remotely from home, remain focused on the education of your child/ren. The role of the parent is not to 'teach' students, but to support your children to maintain an appropriate learning environment and regular learning schedule.

For those children who need to attend school because they fit the Government prescribed categories such as workers in essential business; social distancing measures will be implemented. Parents of these students are asked to **register their child's attendance and transportation arrangements for Wednesday 15th April to Friday 17th April, through the College Office on (03) 5866 2222 by 12:00pm (midday) Tuesday 14th April, 2020.** Families should note that the canteen will not be available for any students attending school.

The Government Bus System and an abridged form of the College Bus System will continue to operate for students attending school on-site. If you require bus transport please register this request when contacting the College office about attendance. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee the mandated social distancing guidelines between the bus driver and the students upon entry to the bus.

All students, whether they are on the school site or learning at home, will have the same work provided for them. Students who attend the College through necessity will be supervised to complete work via the online learning platform. This supervision will comply with physical distancing, but will not be the usual classroom teacher. Classes will not be running as the College will have a very limited amount of staff at school as we also try to reduce the spread of this virus.

My thanks for your support in this new phase of containing COVID-19. Further detailed information about the beginning of Term Two will be communicated on Tuesday 14th April.

We will endeavour to ensure that the learning journey for your son / daughter throughout Term 2 will be a valuable and worthwhile experience.

Enjoy the Easter break,

Matt Carver
Principal

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