



24 March 2020

Dear Students,

The College will be implementing home-based learning for all courses in the Secondary school commencing 25 March 2020 and continuing for the remainder of Term One. Teachers will contact you via email regarding your alternative lessons and activities and will continue to give you learning activities to complete, provide explanations of concepts and give feedback on your progress.

Teachers of Year 11 and 12 Courses may choose to hold Zoom lessons to share content and discuss ideas as a class. Lessons times will reflect your normal timetable, for example, if you would normally have English during Period 6 on a Monday A, then you will have your Zoom lesson at that time. Further detail regarding Zoom conferencing will be provided in coming the days.

Organisation and active communication will be paramount during this period of home-based learning. Your responsibilities as a student include:

- Establishing and following a daily routine for learning
- Identifying a comfortable, quiet space in your home where you can work effectively and successfully
- Regularly monitoring digital platforms and communication (Google Classroom and Email) to check for announcements and feedback from your teachers
- Communicate proactively with your teachers if you cannot meet deadlines or require additional support, and
- Complete tasks including assessments with academic honesty, doing your best work.

Pastoral Care Lessons:

The outbreak of the coronavirus has impacted people in varying ways and caused students to feel afraid, worried, anxious and overwhelmed by the constantly changing alerts and media coverage. To support students with remote learning and their own wellbeing, Pastoral Care lessons will still occur during this time. All students will be invited to a Google Classroom where weekly resources will be provided. The stream on this platform will be utilised by students and the Pastoral Care team to communicate with each other, check in and provide ongoing support to each other. A range of mindfulness activities will be provided as well as resources linked to common themes covered during Pastoral Care lessons.

All of your teachers will still be available to help you should you have any questions or concerns, including PC teachers, Stage Coordinators, subject teachers and Curriculum Leaders. All College structures for support and guidance are still in place and accessible by you, should you need them.

If you have questions regarding a specific subject, contact the relevant teacher and they will respond via email or Google Classroom.

Regards,

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