



Emmanuel Anglican College Community Update: 29 May 2020

Return to daily attendance for all students from Kindergarten to Year 12

I am delighted to confirm that all students will return to face to face learning on a full time basis on Monday 1 June. I wish to thank all our students, staff and families for the constructive, responsible and supportive manner with which all parties have worked together to maintain student learning, embed good health and hygiene practices in our everyday routines and remain positive during the challenge of the Covid19 situation.

We will continue to promote social distancing, encourage regular hand washing, schedule additional cleaning routines and limit interactions across the College community to ensure that the risk of infection continues to be low.

All extra curricular activities, excursions, interschool competitions and large group gatherings remain on hold for the foreseeable future.

Return of regular attendance for Early Learning Centre children

Thank you also to the families and staff of the Early Learning Centre for your patience and support throughout the Covid19 situation as it has unfolded. The transition plan to reintroduce children to the Centre has been very successful with the smaller numbers allowing for increased individual attention and the opportunity to support children with their return to learning. All students are able to return to their pre-Covid19 rostered days as of Monday 1 June.

The Centre will continue to operate between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm. These hours will remain in place until more information is made available about the Commonwealth Childcare Relief Package and the funding model beyond the current review date of 28 June. After College Hours Care will continue to operate from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

Development of an Outbreak Response Plan

While the risk of an outbreak is extremely low, the College is developing an Outbreak Response Plan in readiness for a potential confirmed case in our community. We will publish the details of the plan to the community in the coming days. This plan will enable us to evacuate the site in a calm and orderly manner while minimising the risk of transmission and exposure. It will also incorporate measures for contact tracing, notification of impacted students and staff, processes for cleaning and reopening the site once given the all clear.

Remaining vigilant and downloading the COVIDsafe App

Australia's response to the threat of the pandemic has been outstanding and as a result our transmission rates and loss of life have been kept very low. While the situation is very positive at the moment, we need to remain vigilant in our efforts to continue to stay on top of the disease. I actively encourage all parents, staff and students with mobile phones to download the COVIDsafe App to support efforts to contact trace potentially exposed people in the case of an outbreak. As restrictions right across society are lifted, the risk of transmission will grow. Any measure to reduce



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the risk of spread of infection is worth exploring. Please consider downloading and activating the COVIDsafe App. Further information about the App is available at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

Students and Staff not to attend the site if displaying cold or flu like symptoms

It is most important that everyone heed the directive to stay home and seek medical advice if presenting with any cold or flu like symptoms, no matter how mild. This refers to all students, staff and parents. Covid19 testing is free, simple, readily available and results are returned in a very short timeframe. Please do not attend the site or send your children to school if they have ANY cold or flu like symptoms. Where possible, siblings should also stay at home until the symptoms of the potentially sick family member have been resolved. I understand this may present an inconvenience for those involved but it is in the interest of everyone's health and safety.

Once again, I thank all our community for the wonderful way in which you have responded to this challenge and we look forward to the return of all students to face to face learning next week.

Kind regards,

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