



Emmanuel Anglican College Community Update: 24 April 2020

Welcome Back for Term Two

I hope that this update finds you well and that you have enjoyed the beautiful weather and much slower pace of life over the Easter holiday break.

Term Two will commence on Tuesday 28 April 2020 as all staff, including the Early Learning Centre Team, are involved in a Professional Planning Day on Monday 27 April 2020.

Home Based Learning to continue during Term Two

The College will continue with home based learning during Term Two for students in Kindergarten through to Year 12. As announced by Premier Berejiklian, all schools will commence a transition process after May 11 that will enable students to return to school on a limited basis to receive some face to face learning.

In keeping with current government advice, parents are to continue to keep their children at home and support home based learning. Supervision will be provided on site for students of essential service personnel and for those families for which there is no other viable option. To ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing we ask that you **only send your children if you cannot work from home and have no other reasonable option for care and supervision**. This protocol applies to the Early Learning Centre as well.

Health and Safety Measures

The College continues to promote good health and hygiene practices as well as social distancing measures and thanks all families for their support with the uptake and education process relating to these matters, particularly in relation to younger children. No one is to attend the College site if they have any cold or flu like symptoms. Everyone must err on the side of caution and refrain from attending no matter how mild the symptoms may be. The College has been extensively cleaned over the break and increased cleaning routines have been established for Term Two. Hand sanitiser is available in many locations across the College and all toilets have soap dispensers.

Preparing for the Transition to Partial Attendance

The College is developing protocols and procedures to support the partial return of students to face to face learning as the term unfolds. If the spread of the virus continues to be contained, the Premier has said that schools will be allowed to support face to face learning for small number of students from May 11 onwards. The College will prioritise Year 12 and Kindergarten with this process and slowly move to inviting more students in for one day a week. Further detail about when this will commence, which year groups it will involve and how it will be managed will be provided in Week 2 of the term.

Enhancing Home Based Learning

To support students, families and teachers and to improve the home based learning experience, the College has implemented a number of new processes regarding the delivery and management of home based learning requirements.

- To ensure a more suitable and even flow of work to primary students, no new work will be posted on Wednesdays. Teachers will be available to respond to student questions and provide feedback about student learning. Students will be given more guidance on how to spread out work tasks across the week and better pace their learning.



- Zoom conferencing will be expanded to include all secondary classes. The 'Zoom' lessons for Years 7-10 will take the form of regular 'Q and A' sessions.
- Students with additional learning needs will be involved in Zoom conferencing with the Learning Support Team.
- All secondary parents have been invited to be 'guardians' of the google classroom and will receive one email at the end of each week with a weekly snapshot of student involvement in learning.
- The College is in the process of delivering packs of 'hard copy' materials and activities to selected year groups to support the online component. These will be delivered to homes by the end of the first week of the new term.

Financial Support for Families

Thank you to the many families that have sent messages of support to the College and thanked College Council for their proactive response to keeping the EAC community together. If you are experiencing financial hardship as a result of job loss, business downturn or loss of income, the College has developed a range of strategies to support families and reduce the financial burden during these uncertain times. An Application for Financial Assistance (Covid19) Form is available on the College website or you can request one via the email businessmanager@eac.nsw.edu.au

Year 12 Parent and Teacher Interviews

The Year 12 reports were distributed on April 6. We would like all families to have the opportunity to discuss the report and get feedback from the Year 12 teachers should they wish that opportunity. Year 12 parents are invited to email class teachers to negotiate a suitable time for a phone or Zoom conference during Week 2 of the term.

We look forward to a positive start to the term and the hope of establishing normal school routines by its end.

Robert Tobias
Principal