

26th March 2020

Dear Students

Thank you for the way you have supported each other, the teachers and engaged well with learning over the past fortnight in challenging circumstances. Your positivity has been greatly appreciated.

This morning the Queensland Premier announced that next week will be student free (Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April).

To ensure that high quality learning is maintained, we will be moving to online delivery of learning from the start of Term 2, which will now commence on Monday 20th April. Staff will be utilising the student free days next week to fully prepare for the transition.

- Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April – Student Free Days
- Term 2, commencing Monday 20th April – Online delivery of learning

We understand that at this point, there will be families who will still need to send their children to school on the student free days next week and during Term 2. For the student free days next week, students who need to attend the College will be supervised and follow the normal routine of the day with negotiated activities to complete. Students attending the College from the start of Term 2 will be supervised and access online learning, just as their peers at home will be.

As previously communicated, students across Years 3-12 will continue to use Nav and P-2 students, Seesaw. During the student free days, staff will be formalising protocols for students, parents and staff to follow to optimise learning from home. These will be communicated to you and your families during the holidays. Some staff may wish to trial different modes of connection with you during the student free days. Where this is the case, teachers will email parents and students on the day before they wish to connect with their group to confirm the time and mechanism for connection. We are blessed to have a great team of staff to work with you in these changing times.

As students you are asked to make sure that you take home all of your electronic equipment and materials from your lockers – all text books, pencil cases and spare resources by Friday of this week. You are free to come in next week to collect your things from your locker if needed but it would be preferable if most of you have done this by the end of Friday 27th March.

Keep a check on your emails and Nav next week and in the week prior to school returning.

You have been outstanding in the way you have responded to the challenges of COVID-19. Remember that you have a responsibility to your family and other members of the community to maintain high standards of hygiene and social distancing as set down by the government. This is likely to change over the coming three week period and you must ensure that you are aware of your responsibilities and take them seriously to keep yourself and others safe.

Your parents will need your care through this time. It is a time where the calm, kind, positive, purposeful Pacific heart needs to shine strongly through you all.

Thank you for all you have given and been this term.

We hold you all in our prayers at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Dolling