

## Principal's Update

24 March 2020

Dear all

The Secretary of Education Mark Scott, has indicated that all schools will be open till the end of term.

He further stated that education is considered an essential service.

However he has advised that parents should keep their students at home. Only students who are children of essential services personnel or high needs or whose parent cannot supervise them at home are encouraged to attend school. Mr Scott indicated that his expectation was that most children would be at home.

Students who are working from home will not be marked absent and International students will not have working from home recorded as an absence.

The lessons provided by the school will be identical to the lessons provided online at home. Teachers will supervise any child attending school to do the online work provided. Mr Scott indicated that regular classroom practice would not be happening at school.

The following link provides a way for parents to structure their student's day.

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/media/documents/Remote\\_Learning\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/media/documents/Remote_Learning_Guidelines.pdf)

My suggestion as a starting approach is to have children follow their timetable throughout the day. Using Google classroom in their subject for period 1 on any day and working on the set work for an hour. Then at 10.00am (period 2) looking at the work for their second lesson in the day from Google classroom and follow the pattern for all five lessons.

Year 11 and 12 students may choose to work longer than the single period on a subject as long as they balance all the subjects they are studying.

Also from tomorrow the canteen will not be operating at school in line with Department of Education guidelines.

Teachers will now spend their time converting all their work in the next few weeks to lessons that can be completed online.

Assessments will be modified and this will be communicated to the students so that these can be completed online.

Year 12 assessments will also be in most cases online, however we are waiting for further guidance from NESA today and as soon as I receive that guidance I will communicate that to you.

School buses will operate normally despite few children attending school.

Once again thank you for your patience in this difficult time. Can I add that you children have been amazing during this transition from school to learning from home.

Of course if you have any questions don't hesitate to call or email me.

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