

## Coronavirus Update – 6 May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

The Premier has announced that from Monday 11 May 2020 students in Kindy, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 will be able to return to their school and community Kindergarten.

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will continue to be able to attend school for supervision. If you have other circumstances that mean you would like your child to attend school, please contact us to discuss this.

For students in Years 2-10, the current home-based learning arrangements will remain in place. If low COVID-19 transmission rates continue, students in Years 2-10 will be able to return to school from Monday 25 May 2020. Confirmation of this step will be made by Friday 15 May 2020.

It is recognised that some parents may choose to keep their child at home due to concerns about COVID-19 and this is respected.

1. If parents of Prep, Year 1, Year 11 or Year 12 students choose not to send their child/ren back to school due to medical reasons or health concerns surrounding COVID-19 (e.g. immunocompromised), please contact Erin Stafford on the Junior Campus ([estafford@ryan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:estafford@ryan.catholic.edu.au)) or me on the Senior Campus ([pduffy@ryan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pduffy@ryan.catholic.edu.au)) to discuss how we can support your child with learning at home.
2. If parents of Prep, Year 1, Year 11 or Year 12 students choose not to send their child/ren back to school and there are no circumstances that would necessitate your child/ren being kept at home (e.g. no medical reason or health concern), they will not be provided with any further online learning materials to access at home. Teachers can't be expected to teach face-to-face and maintain an online learning environment at the same time. Please contact Erin Stafford on the Junior Campus ([estafford@ryan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:estafford@ryan.catholic.edu.au)) or me on the Senior Campus ([pduffy@ryan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pduffy@ryan.catholic.edu.au)) to let us know your child/ren won't be attending.

We are attending to a range of strategies that will assist how we will implement the transition back to school-based learning. This includes continuing hygiene practices such as effective hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, restricting visitors to the College, drop off and pick up arrangements, etc.

I ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times if you need to be on the College grounds. Gathering in areas around the College such as car parks, at the school gate and outside

classrooms during this time is prohibited. You're strongly encouraged to make use of the stop, drop and go zones in the mornings wherever possible.

It is essential that you keep your child/ren at home from school if they're unwell. In accordance with Queensland Health Directions any child showing signs of illness will be asked to be collected from school immediately.

If your child is in Years 2-10, their teacher/s will continue to deliver prepared lessons and materials via Learning@Home@Ryan until such time as they are able to return to school.

[Learning@homeTV](#) is broadcast on channel 7TWO from 8.30–10.30am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (excluding public holidays) and features Queensland curriculum-based lessons prepared and delivered by some of Queensland's outstanding school teachers. Content covers English, Mathematics and Science lessons, along with health and wellbeing segments, and special guest appearances.

Again, it is recognised that some parents of Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 students may still wish to keep their child/ren home from school due to medical reasons or health concerns surrounding COVID-19. This is an acceptable decision and your child/ren won't be marked as being absent, rather that they are learning from home. It is important for parents to advise the College or Kindy of any absences as you would normally do, and discuss any support you may need.

In these cases parents and carers remain responsible for their child/ren. This includes ensuring your child/ren stays at home and continues their learning using the material and websites that can be accessed online.

The decision to return Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 students back to school is an important next step towards returning to our regular school routines and I will continue to update you as soon as any new information becomes available.

Our staff have greatly appreciated all the positive feedback and affirmations that have been provided to them over the last few weeks. They mean a lot and make a big difference, so keep them coming!

My sincere thanks goes to all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times.

Regards



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Acting Principal