

Coronavirus Update – 8 May

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

We're very much looking forward to welcoming back our Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 students on Monday 11 May. It'll be great to see their smiling faces again and have areas of the College returning to some kind of normality.

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children can continue 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.

As I mentioned earlier in the week, 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) or me on the Senior Campus (pduffy@ryan.catholic.edu.au) to discuss how we can support your child with learning at home. These students won't be marked as being absent, rather that they are learning from 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) or me on the Senior Campus (pduffy@ryan.catholic.edu.au) to let us know your child/ren won't be attending. These students won't be marked absent, rather as an 'explained absence'.

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're able to return to school.

Parents and carers need to minimise the need to enter the College grounds, however if there's a need to do so, I ask that you pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times. Gathering in areas around the College such as car parks, at school gates and outside classrooms during this time is prohibited. You're strongly encouraged to make use of the drop off and pick up zones at the College.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUNIOR CAMPUS STUDENTS (from Monday 11 May)

The Golf Links Drive entrance to the Junior Campus car park will be closed until further notice. All vehicles accessing and exiting the Junior Campus car park will need to do so through the Northern Cowboys car park. The access road between the campuses will remain open at the usual times. Please follow the signage and use your patience and caution to access the drop off and pick up zones.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Parents of Kindy children and school-aged children

- Walk your school-age child/ren across the crossing to the main gate so they may enter the school grounds and then use the signed Kindy entry to take your child to Kindy.
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Prep to Year 2 Students

- Parents to use the Stop-Drop-Go zone to drop students at school from 8:10am.
- Staff will be supervising the drop off zone, assisting students to get out of their cars and enter the school grounds.
- Other staff, including a Prep teacher, will be waiting in the shelter shed supervising students while they wait for the bell.

Year 3 and 4 Students

- Parents to use the Stop-Drop-Go zone to drop students at school from 8:10am.
- Students will walk to their classrooms and line up outside under the supervision of the teacher on duty.

AFTER SCHOOL

Staggered collection time with parents using the Stop-Drop-Go zone as a pick up zone.

A staff member will oversee the pick up area, asking the parent driving for the name of the student or family to be collected and calling this over a microphone to the shelter shed. Parents can assist this process by placing a clearly readable family name sign (e.g. SMITH) in the lower passenger portion of the windscreen so it can be easily identified. Another staff member will walk the student/s out to be collected at the pick up point. All parents are to remain in vehicles for their child to be brought to the vehicle.

2:30-2:40pm - Prep students and any older siblings

Prep students will be brought to the shelter shed at 2:30pm under the supervision of their teachers. Any older siblings will walk to the shelter shed with their bags at 2:30pm and wait with their Prep siblings.

2:40-2:50pm - Year 1 students and any older siblings

Year 1 students will be brought to the shelter shed under the supervision of their teachers at 2:40pm. Any older siblings will walk to the shelter shed with their bags at 2:40pm and wait with their Year 1 siblings.

2.50pm - 3.10pm - Yr 2-4 students

Year 2-4 students will walk to the shelter shed after school and sit with the other members of their family.

If your child is not in the shelter shed ready to be collected when you reach the pick up queue, you will need to exit the queue and re-enter at the merge point, as indicated by the signs.

JUNIOR CAMPUS PARENT COMMUNICATION

During this time, parents/carers will be unable to have face-to-face communication with teachers at drop off and pick up times. However, parents/carers are strongly encouraged to use email, phone, or notes in students' blue bags to continue open communication with your child's teacher.

REMINDERS FOR EVERYONE

- Normal before and after school procedures need to be followed on the Senior Campus when Year 11 and Year 12 students return on Monday 11 May.
- If Prep, Year 1, Year 11 or Year 12 students borrowed a school device and charger they BOTH need to be returned to the Junior Campus Library or The Hub on the Senior Campus on Monday 11 May.
- If students from other year levels have borrowed a school device and charger and they're no longer required, please return BOTH items as soon as possible.
- Students who are attending school are required to wear the correct uniform each day e.g. academic uniform on Wednesdays for Years 5-12.
- Students are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day.
- Assemblies, camps, inter-house and inter-school activities, sporting and arts events have either been postponed or cancelled.

Congratulations to the students who've been doing a mighty job with their online learning and we look forward to welcoming back Years 2-10 sooner rather than later (hopefully).

I will continue to provide updates as soon as any new information becomes available.

Regards



Paula Duffy
Acting Principal