

Coronavirus Update – Monday 30th March

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Due to Covid19, Ryan Catholic College will be providing opportunities for students to engage in online learning through our **Learning@Home@Ryan** site. As part of this learning opportunity, teachers may arrange online video conferencing with students or provide pre-recorded video's for students to conduct lessons or engage with students as part of our commitment to pastoral care and the development of community. All communications with students must be through the school sanctioned communication tools. To enable engagement in online learning with teachers, parents must provide consent for this to occur AND provide supervision whilst the engagement online is occurring.

NOTE: The TCE firewall systems utilised to filter the internet and intranet based sites will not work when it is connected to your home network. This means there will be no automatic internet filtering so we advise you supervise the use of this machine at all times.

It is expected that all students:

- Will be dressed in appropriate clothing (covering shirts and shorts/skirts on);
- Ensure that they are in an open part of the house (no bedrooms or private spaces);
- Be mindful of the background in which they are broadcasting from ie: noise, family members, animals etc;
- School staff are NOT to be contacted via social media or platforms, private email or student private mobile.

Townsville Catholic Education will be monitoring and reviewing any issues associated with online learning and video conferencing. Please report any identified issues to the Principal.

A form will be sent to all parents/carers tomorrow (Tuesday 31 March) to OPT OUT of their child/ren engaging in online learning and video conferencing via google hangout or ZOOM. More on this tomorrow!

NEW

1. The College Music Tour to Western Qld in late May has been postponed.
2. In preparation for online learning in Term 2, students are encouraged to collect necessary items (exercise books, pencils, etc) from classrooms or lockers prior to Friday.
3. Stay informed. Download the official government "Coronavirus Australia" app in the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), or join our [WhatsApp channel](#).
4. [The Brave Program](#) have put out the attached tip sheet for parents and young people in beating stress and worries through this world event.

REMINDERS

1. Arts Showcase, originally scheduled for 18th May, has been postponed.
1. For students attending this week -
 - ✓ Prep to Year 4 are to wait in the Shelter Shed on arrival;
 - ✓ Years 5 to 9 are to wait in the Shelter Shed on arrival;
 - ✓ Years 10 to 12 sign in at Student Reception and then go to The Hub.
2. If students are feeling unwell and have flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, etc), they are to stay at home. If it develops during the day they will be sent home.
3. Snack Shack operates as normal with a reduced menu at times. You are encouraged to pre-order through Flexi-schools to avoid missing out!
4. Buses (Sunbus and College) will run as normal.

5. Our College website has a [page dedicated to our communications, forms and letters concerning COVID-19](#). Please check this for information.
6. Years 7 to 12 are able to complete the work next week in their current Google Classrooms so that they are up to date in their units. Assignments should be completed and submitted through Turnitin (Yrs 8-12), electronically with other assessment pieces (practicals, Yr 7, etc.) dropped into Student Reception.

Regards,

David McNeale (College Principal)