

Coronavirus Update – Thursday 2nd April

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Please note these five very important things (even if you do nothing else tonight!).

- A. **Please ensure that you have completed** the [Google Form](#) from Monday's update letter seeking (1) your consent for your children to participate in the online learning environment and (2) your registration for a College device, a Chromebook, with which to connect to this online environment.

The Google Form link will expire TONIGHT (Thursday 2nd April) at 11.00pm. After that time there will be no further availability of Chromebooks for student use!

- B. **Term Two** – There has been NO confirmation on what is happening with schools for next term. We have been told to use this week to prepare for the possibility of providing an online teaching and learning environment but there is absolutely no confirmation of that as yet. When we are advised of that decision I will inform you as soon as I possibly can!

It may be that we are back at school as normal with full attendance. It could be that we are open for children of essential workers only. We will not know until the Government makes that decision!

- C. **Chromebooks** – A Chromebook is only an option for students in Prep to Year 7. ***Students in Years 8-12 have a BYOD and are to use that please!*** Those families who indicated on the form that they would need a device for online learning should it go ahead can pick one up from tomorrow (Friday) morning.

Where there are siblings in primary grades, these devices will need to be shared. Where there are three or more children and spread across primary and into Year 7, a second device MAY have been approved. We have been careful to be consistent with our approach.

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If we do go online AND it is likely to be maintained past four weeks, we will review the numbers of devices for families and revise upwards if necessary and if we have the available devices for loan.

- D. **Do you need extras for the device?** – NO. There is no need for you to have printers, scanners or other peripherals and accessories for home learning! Everything we would be asking students to access and use will be accessible through their BYOD or Chromebook.
- E. **Pickup days/times at The Hub on the Senior Campus** for Chromebooks and Yr 7-12 resources –
Friday 3 April 8am - 4pm
Saturday 4 April 9am - Midday
Monday 6 April 8am - 4pm
Tuesday 7 April 8am - 4pm
Wednesday 8 April 8am - 6pm
Thursday 9 April 8am - 6pm

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We have allowed such a large time range for collection to minimise contact between people. There will be a handwashing station set up at the front of The Hub and in the event we have a few parents at the same time there will be queue positions similar to supermarkets to respect 1.5m boundaries. If the Saturday morning pick up time could please be reserved for parents who are unavailable during normal business hours.

NEW

1. **Junior Campus Fun Run** scheduled for Friday 24th April (week 1) has been postponed.
2. **Resources for Yrs 7-12** (art supplies, novel, work booklets, etc) can be collected from The Hub. Teachers have emailed parents and students if there is something to collect. *The majority of students /subjects in Year 8-12 are completely electronic and families will not need to come in unless notified by their class teacher.*
3. **“Managing your Mental Health Online During COVID-19”** is a great set of resources for service, programs and apps to assist with staying mentally healthy. Attached for your information.
4. From the Black Dog Instiute is a brochure entitled **“ Reassuring your children about the unknow - Information for parents during COVID-19”**. Also attached.

REMINDERS

1. A **Coloured Clothes Day** (as bright as possible!) will be held tomorrow for those students attending.
2. In preparation for a possible online learning in Term 2, **all students are encouraged to collect necessary items (exercise books, pencils, etc) from classrooms or lockers prior to Friday.**

Regards,

David McNeale (College Principal)