

## Coronavirus Update – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Sorry...a little late in getting this update out tonight. They say that a little chaos in your life is a good thing, right? Well “they” can stop saying it anytime now!

**A. Please ensure that you have completed** the [Google Form](#) from last night’s update letter (and today’s text) 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.

See last night’s update for details on both of these very important things!

Please be aware that non-consent will greatly reduce the amount of learning resources and activities made available to your child. I ask that you give careful consideration to your request for a College device. Please, only request if it is absolutely necessary to have one and where there is no home device available to be used. We have limited availability of these devices!

**The Google Form link will expire tomorrow night (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April) at 11.00pm. After that time there will be no further availability of Chromebooks for student use!**

**B. 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

Parents/carers are required to collect the Chromebooks as a loan agreement must be signed **BEFORE** it is handed over!

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.

**C.** If schools are directed to go to an online teaching and learning environment for next term, the College will remain open for children of essential workers. As yet, there has not been confirmation of online learning from the start of Term 2. We will advise as soon as this is known!

### **NEW**

- 1. 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.*
- 2. Last night’s update letter** is again attached for your information and necessary links.
- 3.** Mercy Community have a very handy “**Emergency Relief**” information sheet that may be of benefit to you or to others you may know of. See attached.
- 4.** A handy infographic “**Stay Positive, keep learning**” is something worth reading in preparation for next term’s online learning.

## REMINDERS

1. A **Coloured Clothes Day** (as bright as possible!) will be held this Friday for those students attending.
2. In preparation for online learning in Term 2, **all students are encouraged to collect necessary items (exercise books, pencils, etc) from classrooms or lockers prior to Friday.**
3. Our College website has a [page dedicated to our communications, forms and letters concerning COVID-19](#). Please check this for information.

Regards,

David McNeale (College Principal)