



St Mary MacKillop College

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27 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Let me start by outlining the outcomes for our College from yesterday's announcement by the Minister of Education:

- From Monday 30 March, **parents must keep their children at home if at all possible**. If a parent is at home, it is expected that you will keep your children home;
- The College will change to a Remote Learning structure for all our students in all year groups from Monday 30 March;
- Kindy to Year 11 students will engage in Remote Learning up to and including Friday 3 April;
- Year 12 students will continue Remote Learning up to and including Thursday 9 April;
- The College will remain open for students who must attend school, and will provide supervision through to and including Thursday 9 April;
- The rest of our teaching staff will be engaging in preparation and planning for Remote Learning delivery in Term Two from 6-9 April.

If your child must come to school

From Monday 30 March, you do not need to inform the College if you are keeping your child at home. Instead, you need to **inform us if your child will continue to attend school in person**, so that we can appropriately cater for their learning and wellbeing requirements.

Please email attendance@mackillop.wa.edu.au stating the name of your child, their Classroom Teacher (Primary) or Homeroom (Secondary), the dates they will need to attend the College and state the reason why will be attending.

Remote Learning Plan

Attached is an infographic outlining what our Remote Learning structure will look like for your child's year group as of Monday 30 March, and what your part in this will be.

We appreciate your support and patience while our staff adjust to new ways of teaching and delivering content during this week, and we recognise that students and parents are also adjusting to the new format. We expect that there may be teething issues at both ends this week, but our focus is to be fully ready for the beginning of Term Two in delivering a high-quality Remote Learning environment for your child – one that continues to focus on quality relationships and community, as well as our FIRST values.

Thank you for your support

During this time of anxiety and unprecedented challenges, I feel fortunate to be in this wonderful College community in Busselton. Many thanks for all the emails of support, acknowledging the efforts of our staff who have been under enormous pressure while still dealing with their personal concerns.

We are prepared for this next phase in reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in our College community, and continuing to deliver quality education in a supportive and caring environment.

Regards

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