



Ellenbrook
Secondary College

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you during the school holidays to let you know about the arrangements for our school for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children.

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday.
- Tuesday 28 April will be a student-free day. There will be no students at school as staff will be using this day for preparation.
- From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them.
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable, although some classes may be combined if student numbers are low or if some staff are working from home.
- For those children learning from home, this will be online via *Connect* or through hard copy packages available to you from the school. Parents/carers who have indicated that they require such packages may collect them from College Administration via the Main St entry only, as the government advises that parents/carers are not permitted to enter school grounds.
- For students learning through *Connect* at home, teachers will not be available online during lesson times as previously stated, as they will now be teaching students who attend school face-to-face. Emails and online communication will be answered by teachers within a reasonable time frame based on their workload.
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each week by phone and/or online.
- Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend school to continue their critical study program.

The State Government is providing \$43 million in additional funding to expand school cleaning, in line with the health advice. Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and handrails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected.

We will provide further information on how our school will manage this situation, if needed, ahead of school beginning on Wednesday 29 April.

These arrangements will be in place for the first three weeks of Term 2, unless changed by government, and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership as we navigate this together.

Kind regards

Paul Clarke,
Acting Principal

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