

Rivermount College



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Message | COVID-19 UPDATE | Wednesday 25 March 2020

The global situation with COVID-19 continues to create uncertainty and as a community we need to remain focused on supporting each other through these difficult times.

As a College we have proactively followed the advice and direction of the Federal and State Government and we shall continue to do so. Our focus remains on providing our students with a quality education as well as ensuring our campus is a safe and supportive learning and work environment.

The following information will provide clear and concise guidance for families, staff and students at Rivermount College:

Campus Operation

Rivermount College remains open to families that need to work. Parents and caregivers that can keep students at home are encouraged to do so.

It is important to note that the school term continues until Friday 3 April and during this time, learning will continue for all students from Prep to Year 12 regardless of their location at home or on campus.

Online Learning

The College is ready to commence online learning and this will take place for **all students** from Prep to Year 12 on **Friday 27 March**.

In line with this decision, the College will only deliver learning from its online platforms from Friday. Students in attendance at the College will be provided with supervision to undertake their online studies. Instructions for how online learning will operate has been delivered to families through communication from the Primary and Secondary School. It is important that parents and caregivers are familiar with the platforms in use and the procedures required for students to commence online learning. Communication between home and school is essential and the College remains open to assist families.

Senior Students – Year 10 to Year 12

Our Senior Students are faced with a challenging time as they continue to meet the requirements of the QCAA. **Please note that it is imperative that Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students undertake all examinations on campus.** Those students that are unable to do so will require a medical certificate. There are still exams scheduled to the end of Term 1.

TeamKids

I am pleased to advise that TeamKids will continue to provide before and after school care for students from Prep to Year 6. In addition, vacation care remains operational and the service will be available for any Pupil Free Days.

Pupil Free Days

Should the Queensland Government announce additional Pupil Free Days in the coming days, the College will likewise implement this initiative. This will be an opportunity for our teaching staff to develop and enhance their delivery of online learning. A reminder that TeamKids will operate on these days for Primary School students only.

Social Distancing

The clear message to every Australian at this time is to practice social distancing and as such, I urge all families to immediately implement the following practices to ensure the safety and wellbeing of not only our students but also our staff and parents:

1. Please reinforce with your child/children the necessity and importance of social distancing in the playground, in the classroom and on the way to and from school as well as at home.
2. Parents please respect our staff and students and other parents by practicing social distancing when visiting our campus. To achieve this, we urge you to refrain from entering the classrooms as well as using the learning spaces, carparks and pathways as places for social gatherings.
3. Allow your child/children to enter the classroom without parental assistance. Our students are now accustomed to the routines of their classroom and procedures for morning and afternoon entry and pack up. Parents entering the classroom compromises our social distancing policies and pose a risk to our staff and students.
4. Early drop off at the College is not recommended. Student entry to the classroom should be as close to 8:30am as possible.

Please work together to keep our community safe and respect the safety and health of others.

Support for Families

Families can be assured that the staff at Rivermount College remain committed and as such I remind you that our Wellbeing Team is still available to assist you at this time. Please contact Mrs Kelly Yusuf, Head of Support Services if your child requires support.

The global health crisis, coupled with the economic hardship forced upon many families, is proving difficult. Please let me reassure you that we are here to help you. Families that have been greatly impacted financially due to unemployment and business closure are encouraged to contact our Business Manager, Mr Simon Wilkins.

Communication

As always, we will continue to keep you informed through use of our College App, Parent Lounge, Email, Facebook Group and through our website. The College Administration remains open and you are welcome to contact us on 3287 0000. Communication through digital channels such as those listed above is the ideal method during this time of social distancing and I encourage families to use this as a first option.

Once again, I thank you for your support during this time and I am confident that, as a community, we will be able to positively work together through the challenges that confront us.

Yours sincerely



Richard Young
Principal