



From Learning and Teaching

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COVID-19: Learning @ Home Information

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the College prepares for a temporary forced closure in response to COVID-19, we have planned an online learning process for teachers, parents and boys to follow. Your son will be provided content, instruction and formative assessment by his teachers. Teachers will deliver content as per your son's timetable. He should be prepared to commence lessons each day with a charged computer. Online behavioural expectations are consistent with College rules.

Student Free Day

Wednesday 25 March is a student free day. No classes are scheduled for this day. School will recommence on Thursday 26 March. Teachers will spend the day preparing for the delivery learning @ home in the near future. Learning @ Home will not commence until an official school closure is called in QLD.

We understand Wednesday's training may cause inconvenience to family routines. Families who can't care for their son at home can access the College's care program of organised activities for the day, supervised by staff from our activities and boarding teams. Please only send your son if care is a genuine issue.

About the Alternate Care Program

- Boys will assemble in the Learning Centre at 8:20am
- Students are to bring their device so they can complete the Google Meet link up with their PC tutor (similar to the trial conducted on Tuesday evening last week).
- Boys are to wear sports uniforms for the day.
- The College bus service will run both to and from school (please ensure you register this on the google form).
- The Tuckshop will be open for morning tea and lunch.

Please complete the Google form by Tuesday 3pm to register for this supervised day.
REGISTER

Learning @ Home: How it Works

The College will use *Hapara* for document sharing, monitoring progress and editing student work. *Hapara* provides teachers with a dashboard to oversee the *Google Drive* of every student in their class. Students continue to work from their *Google Drive* whilst monitored. Parents can also monitor their son's *Google Drive* from *Hapara*, and an invitation will be sent in the coming days.

Google Meet will be used to periodically video/audio link to classes. Teachers and students have already tested this technology. Live class meetings, recordings, direct instruction and interaction between students and teachers will be a feature of lessons. This solution provides an agreed baseline of lesson content, homework and assessment preparation for each year group. It also aligns with other tools in our Google platform.

Teachers are planning in subject teams for each cohort to promote consistency in the resources shared with each student. Individual classroom teachers may choose to augment their content using additional learning tools and teaching techniques. In the event of a prolonged closure, teachers will adjust the format of assessment allowing them to gather evidence for Semester One grades. We will communicate with you again if this eventuates. We're preparing a three week learning block in the first instance.

The College is seeking guidance from the QCAA about the delivery of Internal Assessments Two and Three for Year 12. At present, we will prepare and deliver course work online with a view to completing these assessments as usual. If QCAA advice changes we will contact Year 12 students and parents. Year 11 assessment is formative and can be managed at a school level. We will continue to gather evidence of learning through our learning @ home program in Years 5 to 10.

We invite parents to participate in their son's education during this time of closure. Please login to the *Hapara* parent portal when invited. The Student Cafe and Parent Lounge still operates and remains the destination for assessment submission and feedback. As stated recently by the Principal, Parent and Teacher conferences scheduled for the start of Term 2 have been cancelled.

Thank you for your participation and patience during this unprecedented event in school education. If you have any queries about individual subjects please email your son's teacher or Head of Faculty. For general learning and teaching enquiries please email the Learning and Teaching office on lt@nudgee.qld.edu.au.

Normal school classes resume on Thursday 26 March unless the advice is superseded by further Government advice.

Yours sincerely,



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