



ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

A Catholic School for boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you may be aware the Queensland Premier announced today (March 23) that schools will remain open until the conclusion of Term 1. At St Laurence's College, we continue to follow the advice from the Government and relevant Health Authorities. The Premier also advised that parents may wish to keep students at home. This being the case, the Premier was clear that Parents and Caregiver need to:

- Advise the College if your child is not attending school
- Ensure that the student maintain continuity of learning from home
- Ensure that the student is appropriately supervised and social distancing practices are observed.

Staff at St Laurence's College are currently teaching, preparing for assessment and producing online resources. I thank our staff for all that they do in these times of uncertainty. The situation is changing day by day and we are preparing for all possibilities.

In light of the announcement by the Premier, the College will remain open for the remainder of Term One, subject to any changes that may be announced by the government. Whilst the College is operating the responsibility for the learning of students who do not attend school will be with parents and caregivers. In most cases, students would already have received the term or semester outlines from their teacher and be aware of the resources that are available to them online.

Assessment

Staff have received numerous enquiries in relation to the College's position in relation to assessment. It has not been possible to respond to every individual enquiry and it is hoped that the details below provide clarity for families.

1. **Term 1 Assessment:** A substantial amount of assessment has already been completed by students and submitted to teachers. However, there are a number of exams scheduled to be completed over the next two weeks. **These exams will proceed as scheduled.** In a limited number of cases, modifications will be made to an assessment to allow it to be implemented more equitably (for example; and exam may be modified into an assignment).
2. **Absence from Examinations:** St Laurence's College understands that some students will not be able to attend the scheduled examinations for a variety of reasons. In these circumstances, an NR grade (Not Rated) will be entered against the assessment instrument. Please note that at this stage it will not be possible to run catch-up exams early in Term 2.

3. **Implications of Missed Assessment:** For each student, reporting at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2 will be based on the assessable evidence that has been possible to collect. Where students have not been able to complete any assessment a grade of NR will be recording on the school report.
4. **Ongoing Assessment:** It is unclear at this point in time whether there will need to be adjustments to the assessment program for the remainder of 2020. Further updates will be issued as this becomes clearer.
5. **Year 11 & 12:** The College continues to monitor the statements issued by QCAA in relation to senior assessment. Currently, the QCAA is coordinating the online confirmation of student results from the first internal assessment. No advice has been provided in relation to subsequent internal assessments scheduled to take place in Terms 2 & 3.

Preparation

As stated in previous correspondence, I remind families that in preparation for the possibility that we move to online learning, students **should ensure** that they can:

- Log into their Office 365 account
- Access the appropriate Moodle courses
- Access all relevant textbooks online through Box of Books. Students should also download the relevant textbooks to their 'offline' reader which should appear as an icon on their desktop
- Regularly check their emails.

It is very important that students take their College laptop home each day and keep their chargers at home. Students should also take home any textbooks or workbooks that currently reside in their lockers. These may need to be accessed from home with limited warning if the school is closed.

On behalf of the staff at St Laurence's College, I again thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we continue to navigate our way forward through an unusual set of circumstances. We will continue to provide communications as developments occur.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal



Mr Peter Cook
Dean of Studies