



St Patrick's College
LAUNCESTON

7 April 2020

282 Westbury Road
Prospect TAS 7250
PO Box 401, Prospect TAS 7250
ABN: 87 092 083 980
T: 03 6341 9988
E: contact@stpatricks.tas.edu.au

MEDIA RELEASE FROM CATHOLIC EDUCATION TASMANIA (CET): TASMANIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL & COLLEGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERM 2

Catholic Education Tasmania has announced educational arrangements for Term 2 of the 2020 school year. The arrangements provide certainty for parents, students and teachers.

Term 2 will commence on Monday, 27 April 2020. During Term 2, all Catholic schools will remain open, and all staff will work to support their students' Learning@Home requirements.

Where possible, students will commence Learning@Home in Term 2, recognising that some students may still attend the school site when their learning can't be supported or supervised at home.

Catholic Education Tasmania Executive Director, Dr Gerard Gaskin stressed the importance of all schools and colleges remaining open to serve the needs of all students.

"Schools and colleges plan to remain open from the commencement of Term 2, 2020 so that every enrolled student has the opportunity to continue learning either on site or at home," Dr Gaskin said.

"We do not expect parents to be teachers, only to supervise and support their childrens' learning in the home. This amounts to seeing that they are *on task* and *at task* during the times required by their teachers. We know that some parents, for any number of reasons, are unable to support learning at home. For this reason, our schools and colleges are open to any student who attends in person."

Tasmanian Catholic school sites will remain open with adequate staff to supervise and support the learning of any student who presents at a school or college. Wherever possible, all staff are at the school site each Monday to ascertain the need for supervision of students and to plan for on-site and Learning@Home development, delivery and monitoring over the ensuing week of educational service delivery.

As part of providing Learning@Home, teachers will provide students with a learning schedule and suitable learning activities, which may be delivered and completed online, offline, paper-based, or a combination of these. The learning schedule will align with the Australian Curriculum, and teachers will be in regular daily contact with their students to provide support for the learning activities provided.

School and college working-from-home arrangements will be reviewed fortnightly to allow adjustments for supervision of students, particularly where it is expected that numbers will rise onsite for supervision the longer the government restrictions remain in place.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact email the College at contact@stpatricks.tas.edu.au.

