



St Patrick's College  
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*From the Office of the Principal*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Term 2 Arrangements: 27.04.20 – 08.05.20

Firstly, thank you for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times. I trust that, although the break would have looked different for many of you, you have spent valuable time together while staying at home to support flattening the COVID-19 curve.

Term 2 will commence this **Monday, 27 April** and, as advised previously, students will continue Learning@Home remotely in situations where they can be supported and supervised from home. This will be reviewed on a continual basis and we await clarification from Catholic Education Tasmania as to how this will continue beyond the next two week period.

The priority is for our students to learn from home as we band together as a community to stay home and save lives. St Patrick's College will, however, remain open for children of essential workers; those who don't have suitable supervision at home; or those who don't have the ability, access or support available to provide adequate continuation of learning from home. These students will participate in the same Learning@Home program as their remote classmates, and will not necessarily be supervised by their scheduled teachers.

#### **STUDENTS ATTENDING CAMPUS: 27.04.20 – 08.05.20**

In order to provide adequate supervision for those students who cannot be supported or supervised from home, we require advance notice of those who will be in attendance on campus for all, or some days for the period of Monday, 27 April to Friday, 8 May.

**Parents/guardians of all students who will be in attendance on campus are required to complete the below form by this Friday, 24 April.** There is no requirement to complete this form if students are engaging in the Learning@Home program remotely.

Notice of Attendance Form: <https://forms.gle/5Yy7qLAfNmHBNqkd8>

Students are to report to the upstairs area of the Edmund Rice Centre for attendance on Monday, 27 April in either sports, winter or summer uniform.

Canteen and bus services will continue as usual and staff and students on campus will follow social distancing guidelines. We will continue to implement rigorous cleaning and good hygiene measures across the College.



## LEARNING@HOME TIMETABLE

During the Learning@Home period, all lessons will now be reduced by 10 minutes and therefore will be a 40 minute duration. This is to allow students time between lessons for a quick break and to move around, including during double lessons.

The Learning@Home timetable will be as follows:

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| Tutor Period: | 8.50 – 9.10   |
| Period 1:     | 9.10 - 9.50   |
| Period 2:     | 10.00 - 10.40 |
| Period 3:     | 11.15 - 11.55 |
| Period 4:     | 12.05 - 12.45 |
| Period 5:     | 1.40 - 2.20   |
| Period 6:     | 2.30 - 3.10   |

I would like to remind you that we understand the challenges parents/guardians and students will face learning from home and for some of our students, regression is inevitable. We understand that many parents/guardians will be balancing working from home while supervising their children and we do not expect them to have teaching expertise.

Teachers and pastoral staff will be available to offer ongoing support and we are understanding of the fact that realistically, students may not be able to achieve the same teaching and learning outcomes they do in a traditional classroom environment.

## VISITS TO THE COLLEGE

In the interest of public safety due to COVID-19, we need to implement safety regulations to allow visitors/contractors to access our premises and parents/guardians are to please cease or minimise visits.

Currently we have some parents/guardians attending the College to pay tuition fees. Unless you have no other way of paying these fees, it would be greatly appreciated if you could make alternative arrangements to pay online.

## FORMAL COLLEGE UNIFORM IN 2020

With consideration to the lack of access to both the College and Midford city uniform stores, I want to assure parents/guardians that there will be flexible uniform arrangements for the remainder of the year.

Therefore, even when the College reopens in full capacity, students who require new uniform but are unable to source this may attend in alternate College issued formal uniform. For example, if your child requires new winter uniform and this cannot be sourced, they may attend in summer uniform.

## COMMUNICATION

We will continue to communicate with our College community in regards to any developments and I emphasise the importance of regularly checking your emails, Schoolbox and the College Facebook page to ensure you receive any important updates. In addition please refer to <https://www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/covid-19-updates> to access copies of letters that have previously been distributed.

Whatever the landscape, St Patrick's College will continue to work together as a school community of faith, learning, respect and of service in the Catholic tradition. Let us continue to offer each other kindness, understanding and support during this unprecedented time.

Kind regards,



**Mr Tony Daley**  
Principal

