



St Patrick's College
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From the Office of the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Friday, 27 March Update: Home Learning Requirement from the Premier

As announced by Premier Peter Gutewin this morning, from Monday 30 March parents/guardians who are able to keep their children at home and supervise them are instructed to do so.

Dr Gerard Gaskin (Executive Director – Catholic Education Tasmania) has released a statement indicating:

Tasmanian Catholic schools and colleges will be open next week for essential workers, and for those parents who are not able to support or supervise learning at home. Thank you for working with us as we navigate this quickly changing environment together.

St Patrick's College will 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.

STUDENTS ATTENDING CAMPUS: 30.03.20 – 03.04.20

St Patrick's College will remain open for those children in the above-mentioned circumstances only. Students on campus are to report for attendance on Monday, 30 March at the following locations and in sports uniform:

Middle School Students: MS 5,6,7

Croagh Patrick Students: Upstairs classrooms

Senior School Students: Waterford room

On Monday, 30 March there will be no scheduled classes as teachers prepare for e-learning to be launched on Tuesday, however staff will provide students with supervision of Schoolbox activities.

From Tuesday, 31 March to Friday, 3 April, students will participate in e-learning along with students at home, and will be assisted and supported by staff.

Canteen and bus services will continue for the week 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.

STUDENT E-LEARNING: 30.03.20 – 03.04.20

On Monday, 30 March, students working from home will access Schoolbox to check the scope and sequence for each subject, determine which topics are being covered and complete the appropriate tasks. Relevant learning material and assessment tasks are also available on Schoolbox.

From Tuesday, 31 March to Friday, 3 April all students will participate in e-learning from home. Further information will be emailed to all parents/guardians in regards to this on Monday.

Parents/Guardians need to be mindful that they must take responsibility for their children to ensure they are not increasing the risk to themselves or others by congregating in groups or mixing in the community unless absolutely essential.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE FOR 30.03.20 - 03.04.20

In light of the outcome of today's press conference which will result in changes to student attendance next week, **I require all parents/guardians to complete a new attendance form as a matter of priority. Please click on the following link:**

<https://forms.gle/5Let5Bk7GcWdro5P7>

I understand that you have previously been asked to complete another attendance form, however the information you originally provided is now going to change for many of you.

COLLECTING MATERIALS FROM LOCKERS/VISITS TO THE COLLEGE

We have instructed all students to bring the contents of their lockers home today. Parents/guardians of students who have already been self-isolated at home can collect materials from student lockers between 3.40 PM – 4.15 PM from Monday 30, March to Wed 1 April.

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.

EXTENSION OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: MONDAY 6 APRIL TO MONDAY 27 APRIL

A reminder that the school holiday period will be brought forward to commence on Monday, 6 April, therefore the last day of term for students will be Friday, 3 April.

This time is officially classed as a school holiday period for students and there is no requirement for them to complete learning from home during this period.

COMMUNICATION

I thank you for the many kind words that you have shared with me and other members of staff over this unprecedented time. We have, and will continue to remain transparent, factual and efficient with information and developments that we are providing to the College community.

I emphasise the importance of regularly checking your emails and the College Instagram and Facebook pages to ensure you receive any important updates, particularly during the school holiday period. Additionally, you can refer to the <https://www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/covid-19-updates> to access copies of letters that have previously been distributed.

Kind regards,



Mr Tony Daley
Principal

