



St Patrick's College
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From the Office of the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Learning@Home Attendance Requirements

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your commitment to supporting the Learning@Home program through these unprecedented times. The way in which our community has collectively embraced these changes is a great accomplishment and I am very proud to be Principal of St Patrick's College.

Late last week, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has mandated that all schools nationwide must now take daily attendance for students while participating in the Learning@Home program (both on and off campus). Catholic Education Tasmania (CET) has stipulated that this attendance need only be taken once a day through the pastoral care structures, therefore the College will be managing student attendance during the Learning@Home program as follows:

RECORDING STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Commencing Wednesday, 29 April it will be compulsory for all students to attend their Tutor/Home Group Google Meet each school day from 8:50am-9:05am via the Google Meet link on their Tutor/Home Group Schoolbox page. Students will then be recorded as attending for the entire day.

Unexplained Absences

If a student does not attend their Tutor/Home Group Google Meet on any given school day, and their parent/guardian has not advised the College of their absence, they will be recorded as an unexplained absence. In such cases, the usual College protocol of sending an SMS to notify the student's parent/guardian will be enacted, and the parent/guardian will be required to contact the College to discuss the absence.

Explained Absences

The process for reporting student short-term absences to the College while participating in the Learning@Home program remains unchanged. If a student is unable to participate in the Learning@Home program due to illness or injury, regardless if they are on or off campus, the parent/guardian is required to advise the College prior to 9.30am on the day of the absence using one of the contact methods below:

P: 03 6341 9988

E: absent@stpatricks.tas.edu.au

W: www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/contact

A: Schoolbox App



TASC 3/4 Subjects Google Meets

As per previous correspondence, all TASC 3/4 subjects have a Google Meet each lesson. Due to the requirement of students to accrue a certain number of hours of attendance for TASC 3/4 subjects, **attendance at these Google Meets will now be compulsory for students undertaking these lessons.**

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance with these attendance requirements and for your ongoing support during these ever-changing times.

Kind regards,



Mr Tony Daley
Principal

