

9 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the last few weeks, we have seen rapid changes to how we live and learn and the social distancing measures implemented seem to be having the desired effect of reducing the spread of COVID-19. I am writing to outline plans for Term 2 at St Aloysius College. More than ever, we need to follow the advice of health authorities to ensure this reduction continues.

Term 2 Remote Learning

Term 2 is scheduled to begin for St Aloysius College students on Tuesday 28 April.

Last week, students and families received [Remote Learning Guidelines](#) that describe the way we will continue to support student learning in Term 2. At this time, it seems likely that the majority of students will study at home. The College will be open for those families who are unable to supervise their children's learning at home. Students who attend school will be supervised by SAC staff to engage with remote learning through the same program as their peers studying at home. Please note that the supervising staff will not be your daughter's regular class or subject teachers. There will be a number of learning spaces designated for supervision of students of different ages.

Parents and caregivers who are supervising their children learning at home are asked to monitor their emails, as this is the most likely way teachers will be communicating directly with parents. The frequency of these communications will vary according to the age of students and how independently students are able to navigate the online learning environment. Teachers' email addresses are easily accessible via SEQTA Learn (see your daughter's timetable) and you are welcome to make contact to clarify any questions or concerns. Teachers will usually be responding to messages during school hours, 8:30am to 4pm. If you have any difficulty connecting with staff, please contact the school via the channels listed below.

Term 2 Student Attendance Survey

In order to determine how many staff are required to provide supervision and care for those students who are learning on site in Term 2, we ask that you register your intentions via the [Term 2 Attendance Survey](#) by Wednesday 15 April. The information that you provide in this survey by no means locks you in to your choices for the entire Term, but rather allows us to prepare to successfully facilitate remote learning for the start of Term 2. Once we have collated this information, we will be able to provide greater detail in relation to where students who attend school in Term 2 will be supervised.

If government health advice regarding school attendance changes, we will communicate those changes via email.

Student Services

Out of School Hours Care will be available on Monday 27 April (pupil-free day) for Reception to Year 6 students and after school from Tuesday 28 April onwards. *Please indicate your intention to use the OSHC service on Monday 27 April by completing this [OSHC Pupil Free Day Form](#).*



The **Canteen** will be operating on a smaller scale in Term 2. Food orders should be placed online through the [Flexischools](#) app. The [Term 2 Canteen Menu](#) is also now available for viewing.

The **Uniform Shop** will remain closed until further notice in the interest of student safety. Please email uniformshop@sac.sa.edu.au if you have any urgent needs. Students are welcome to wear sports uniform or summer uniform during Term 2 if they do not have a winter uniform.

Student Attendance

In a remote learning environment, and especially in the current circumstances, it is essential that we work in partnership with parents and caregivers to ensure that students' learning and wellbeing is maintained. To this end, we ask that you follow the usual protocols for informing the College via SMS 0438 433 333 or email absentees@sac.sa.edu.au before 9am if your child is unable to engage with learning on any given day.

In addition, students from Years 3 to 12 will be required to check in online daily via SEQTA Learn between 8am and 10am. This will keep our attendance data accurate and, more importantly, identify where student concerns are emerging so that we can step in to provide the help that is needed.

Parents of Reception to Year 2 students will be advised by their class teachers as to the attendance check in process specific to their class.

Communication

As we transition to remote learning, communication with parents and caregivers is more important to us than ever. We value your feedback, as this will inform our planning and help us to be aware of some of the challenges students encounter in learning from home. Email addresses for the Leadership Team and staff in Positions of Responsibility were included in the Remote Learning Guidelines. You are also welcome to contact us via phone on 8217 3200 and the Front Office staff will direct your call to the most suitable staff member.

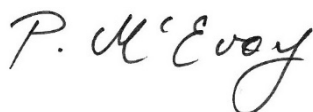
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Our support for students has not diminished in any way. We are focused on building and maintaining the sense of connection and belonging to this community using online tools. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us – the strength of relationships is our greatest asset in exploring new ways of learning.

When you chose St Aloysius College as the school for your daughter, you recognised our capacity to educate girls and young women who are confident, capable and willing to act for change in the world. Their contributions to a brighter future have never been needed more and we know that, working together, we will support them to flourish in these challenging circumstances.

Wishing you all the joy of the Easter season.

Yours faithfully,



Paddy McEvoy
(On behalf of the College Leadership Team)