



Dear Families and Caregivers

RE: Online Delivery

We would like to thank our community for supporting us and our students in this uncertain time and encourage families to contact us should you have any queries regarding the current situation and the impact it is having on the learning or wellbeing of your children.

This week the school has experienced high levels of absenteeism with a large number of families choosing to keep their children home due to the risks associated with COVID-19. This is an individual family decision which the school respects.

It is important to remember that even though students are not at school they still need to attend to their learning.

The Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, shared the fear that students at this time will miss out on a vital piece of their education by saying "**one of the things I don't want to have yielded up is a year of a child's education, which is so important.**"

Our teachers have been working hard to ensure that the learning for our students is available online through SEQTA, our learner management system. While this has increased pressure on our teachers they have been willingly doing everything they can to make sure that our students are not disadvantaged. As different teachers and different subjects adopt different approaches to learning, creating an online learning environment that is effective for all students is a challenge.

Each teacher can be contacted via SEQTA direct message or email and they will endeavour to respond to each student's individual learning needs but we must also be mindful that they themselves have carers' duties and other duties outside of the school day and need to look after their own health and wellbeing so they can perform at their best in their professional duties.

Today the Minister for Education announce that week 11 of term 1, **(April 6 to 9) will be allocated as student free days** with the purpose of providing our teachers more time to adjust and adapt the learning students currently have access to so that we can best cater for the individual learning needs of every student.

Please make sure that your children and young people are continuing their learning, completing their assignments and submitting their work. We will provide some instructional videos via our website and Facebook page to support the use of SEQTA for all families.

SEQTA provides the following opportunities for online learning to support our commitment above:

- Online forums where students can interact in real time with their peers and teacher.
- Correspondence via email, SEQTA direct message and SEQTA text.
- Detailed lesson plans and resources uploaded by the class teacher, and kept up to date, on the online lesson organiser.
- Students can submit drafts, final copies and receive feedback from teachers through the SEQTA marks book.
- SEQTA Phone App is available to download through the App Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android).

As advice we receive changes or is updated, we examine and review the measures we have in place and make any necessary changes to ensure that we have the safest environment for students and staff. It is also our intent to continue to keep you informed through regular updates. If, in the meantime, you have any questions or comments, please contact me via the school on 8557 0100.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. van Ruiten".

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