

Canberra College Community Message

Academic Program Information 31 March 2020 - Responding to COVID-19

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

On behalf of the staff at the college, thank you for the many messages of support at this difficult time for our entire community. While educators across Australia are changing the way schooling occurs, the work of those frontline professionals in the health sector is where our thoughts and support must continue to be directed. It is critical that every citizen acts responsibly and shows care for others, as the community battles the impact of COVID-19.

In our last communication to the Canberra College community, the emphasis of that message was student wellbeing. I am in regular contact with the Principals of all government colleges and they too, are sharing similar messages about the significance of student and family wellbeing. COVID-19 has disrupted the dynamic of families and it may take some time for adjustment to new ways of doing daily routines.

For our college students, utilising the dedicated time we have been given and fast-tracking of professional learning, we are building up the capability for the delivery of college education through online technology. The academic program information provided below, reflects on the transition to term 2 and Canberra College Online.

Assessment Update

As you are well aware, the term 1 regular class program ceased on Monday 23 March. Subsequently, all assessments scheduled from 23 March until 9 April have been either postponed until week 1 of term 2, or revised. This will be detailed in changes to many Unit Outlines, as explained below.

Changes to the teaching and learning environment due to COVID-19 has impacted on assessment conditions for traditional supervised tests and practical work where on-site and off-site facilities are required. In the last week teachers in all colleges have had to revise teaching and learning programs to adapt to the challenges of these new conditions. This means for many units, the format of assessment has significantly changed.

It is a BSSS requirement that any changes to the teaching and learning program is advised through the unit outlines. **A unit outline is a document which specifies assessment items and due dates.** This week (Week 9), teachers will advise students of amendments to unit outlines and finalised unit outlines will be posted to the Google Classroom by Wednesday 8 April (Week 10). Please see the Academic Timetable below:

Academic Timetable

Week 9

Teachers will advise students of amendments to unit outlines via their Google Classrooms.

Student Program of Learning (Weeks 9-10) - (Emailed to each parent/carer and student) As Canberra College transitions to a structured online learning program, teachers in each class have provided supplementary learning activities and/or materials for the remainder of Term 1.

Teachers will now be in more regular contact through their Google Classrooms and will be able to respond to student queries.

Week 10

Final Unit Outlines posted by Wednesday 8th April via the Google Classrooms.

Student Program of Learning (Week 9-10) - Students continue to access supplementary learning materials posted on Google Classrooms. Teachers commence testing of the interactive online learning platform through Google Classroom.

Canberra College Online Information emailed to parents and students including:

- Term 2 Student Online Timetable,
- Student Program of Learning - Parent Guide (Weeks 11 - 14)
- Guidelines and Expectations for Online Learning

School Holiday Break - Friday 10 April - Monday 27 April

Week 11

Term 2 begins as Canberra College Online supports the program for student learning.

Further Information

The Education Directorate will continue to provide community information, directly from the website www.education.act.gov.au and also via the college email distribution.

The Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) has also posted information for the college community at www.bsss.act.edu.au.

The Education Directorate has released a resource library to support parents and children with home learning. The link is: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/schooling/learning-resource-library>

The latest advice from ACT Health is available from www.health.act.gov.au and on social media.



For all of the COVID-19 related communications from the college, you will find them at the banner link, www.canberrac.act.edu.au/online_learning, on the college website. We will continue to provide timely and relevant information to our community as we work to respond to the impact of COVID-19 and establish the continuity of learning for our students.

Relationships are central to education and we need parents, carers and students to be connected to the college. Please note that if you need urgent advice or assistance you can ring our family helpline 6142 3288 between 9.00am and 3:00pm or email canberrac.info@ed.act.edu.au.

In the days and weeks ahead, take care.

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