

# Canberra College Community Message

## Returning to College Campus – Monday May 18

### Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Canberra College will welcome back students on Monday May 18th. With this news we would like to acknowledge what has been a challenging period for our families and students, and I thank you for your continued support of our staff and college.

Year 11 and 12 students will be welcomed back to the college where they will follow the **Student Timetable** used during the learning from home period. This timetable will be in place for the remainder of Term 2, as it also offers the capability to seamlessly revert to remote learning if required.

Teachers will resume teaching from their classrooms from Monday 18 May, with some adjustments for a small number of staff who, due to health or unique circumstances require a continuation of working remotely.

Canberra college will endeavour to provide students with an effective learning experience, whether the students are working with teachers in the classroom or at home. Teachers will continue to use Google Classroom as the main method of communicating messages and instructions to students, and students are encouraged to check in regularly for any new information.

The **Canberra College Online** webpage established in response to the COVID-19 emergency will continue to be updated and is where you will find a copy of the **Student Timetable** from May 18.

We understand that there will be some students from our school community whose vulnerability may require a continuation of learning remotely. If you are intending on continuing to learn remotely, please advise the school by contacting **CanberraC.Absences@ed.act.edu.au** by Friday 15 May.

### Health and Hygiene

We are focused on maintaining the best possible hygiene standards for staff and students, consistent with the broad health advice. Even though the risk is less for students, we will be encouraging students to uphold community standards in the college environment. We plan to enlist our students in the shared responsibility.

We have been working to ensure that we have enough hand sanitiser and soap, and we have increased our cleaning regime at the school. We have also established signage to strengthen the culture of shared responsibility for good hygiene. These reinforce the message that basic hygiene, including good hand and respiratory hygiene measures, remain an effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In addition to the Library, we have established common areas across the college where students can also undertake quiet study in Learning Hubs. Maintaining the on-campus focus on learning and social distancing, we will be encouraging students to remain on site primarily for their timetabled classes and study time wherever practical.

Students who are unwell should not come to school. If a student presents at school and is exhibiting cold and/or flu symptoms, parents will be contacted, and students will be asked to go home and return once they are well.

Remember Canberra College has an extensive and dedicated **Student Services** team available to support students. Details and contacts are available on the **college website**.

Please also regularly check the latest advice available from **www.health.act.gov.au**, **www.education.act.gov.au** and on social media.

If you need urgent advice or assistance you can call the college on 6142 3288 between 9.00 am and 3:00pm or email **canberrac.info@ed.act.edu.au**.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming all staff and students back on Monday. We also look forward to providing continued support for those who are unable to attend as the semester progresses.

Regards,

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**Principal**

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