

Canberra College Community Message

Assessment Information - Responding to COVID-19

Dear Students/Parents and Carers,

At this stage school is running as usual with flexibility and adjustment as required. No student will be disadvantaged, and we will continue to provide all students with the opportunity to engage with course work and assessment. The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies has posted *Advice for Students and Parents/Carers* on the front page of their website www.bsss.act.edu.au .

Priority is being given to the wellbeing of staff and students at this time

Over the last couple of days, I have been working with my Executive Team to support our teachers and support staff that are affected by the current situation.

As the school is running classes as normal the expectation is that students should attend class and complete assessments as required. I fully understand that families may not be able to readily access health care professionals at this time, so we will be accepting documentation to support student absence in the form of an email from parents and carers. This also includes families where students or family members have pre-existing conditions.

Learning Environment in the event of school closure

We are currently strengthening our online learning capability, to supplement Google classroom. Faculty teams are establishing protocols to increase online collaboration and connectivity for students in their classes. These will be communicated to students through the Google Classroom environment.

If students are unable to access Google Classroom at home please let the college know so that we can investigate alternative arrangements.

Term One Cross-line Testing

As we are still delivering curriculum content, testing will occur in Week 9. The week 9 test timetable will be adjusted to facilitate test delivery in class groups of less than 30. These arrangements will be communicated to you.

Assessment impacted by COVID19

In the case that assessments cannot take place at school due to COVID19 alternative assessments and/or adjustments to unit assessment requirements will be advised.

BSSS Variation to Assessment Policy

While the college is operating normally, students are required to provide documented evidence for any adjustment to assessment. In accordance with BSSS policy, final assessment decisions are the delegation of the Principal.

The College is open but please stay up to date

Please be aware that this is an evolving situation and we will notify you if our circumstances change. Students and Parents are reminded to stay up to date with the latest information on COVID19 by visiting the [Education Directorate's website](#), [ACT Health](#), [ACT Board of Senior Studies](#) and the [Canberra College](#) websites.

Thank you

I am so fortunate to be leading a school with dedicated and highly professional teachers and administrative staff who are focused on ensuring that students continue to be engaged in learning. This is clearly a difficult time for our community. I thank everyone for your support and understanding during this uncertain time.

Take care.

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