

Dear Parents/Guardian,

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I wish to thank you all for your support in what was one of the most unusual starts to a school term the College has ever seen. Together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

Today, the State Government announced changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice.

As of Monday 18 May 2020, all students are expected to attend the College, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, the College will work with them in partnership with the Department of Education's School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support their child's learning from home. If you feel your child fits this category, please do not hesitate to contact the College, and we will work together on the next steps.

Therefore, as of Monday 18 May students either:

- attend the College;
- have a medical referral to learn from home; or
- will be recorded as absent if they do not attend.

Over the last three weeks, we have seen 88% of our students return to the College, which has been fantastic. Current health advice states that schools remain safe for staff and students and should remain open. We want to make sure all children get the best education possible, which is why attending is so important, along with the quality of face-to-face delivery.

If your child does not attend Ashdale Secondary College without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided with an online learning program.

The extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the beginning of Term 2 will continue. As part of the guidelines for schools, we continue to ask parents/carers to drop children at the College gate and not enter the College grounds.

The State Government will continue to make decisions based on the best health advice.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward.

Kind regards



Kylie Bottcher
Principal

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