



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL COVID-19 #10

Dear Parents & Carers,

I trust that your family like mine have made the most of a break at home enjoying time together, catching up on the 'to do' list and perhaps embarking on some new projects also.

There has been much distressing news of the spread and impact of Covid-19 across the world serving as a reminder of how blessed we are to be living in a country and region with a comparatively low incidence of the virus and a healthcare system which to date has coped well with the increased demands upon it.

There has been much discussion in the media this week following the NSW Premier and Minister of Education's announcements regarding Term Two for NSW Government Schools. As an Independent School our decisions are informed by advice received from the Australian Government, Health NSW and the Association of Independent Schools (AIS NSW).

CURRENT STATUS

There are no reported cases of COVID-19 infection in any of our students, staff or direct contacts.

NSW Health has confirmed two cases in Armidale with previous cases in surrounding local government areas, with the exception of Inverell and Moree Plains, all recovered

UPDATES

The College remains open in Term Two.

- **The first day of Term Two will be Monday, 27 April at 10:00am** with a whole school Commencement Assembly broadcast.

- All students with the exception of our Pathways Class, will follow the Remote Learning program from the commencement of term.
- Students whose parents work in an essential service or who are not able to successfully complete Remote Learning at home are able to attend school each day.
- Students at school will be fully supervised by College staff, not necessarily teaching staff.
- Feedback from our parent community will be sought early in Term Two regarding the Remote Learning model and a suggested return to school plan.

REMOTE LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION

Webinar for Parents

Parents will receive an email tomorrow afternoon inviting them to view a webinar where key features of the PLC Armidale Remote Learning model will be implemented. The initial section will have a whole school focus and introduction to the newly developed PLC Armidale app. The second section will be a more detailed overview of Remote Learning in the Senior School.

Junior School Remote Learning Packs

Will be available for collection from Junior School reception **between 2:30 and 4:00pm on Tuesday, 28 April.**

Senior School Remote Learning Packs

Will be available for collection **from 1:00 – 5:00pm on Friday, 24 April** from the main Administration building. Will also be available for collection over the weekend from the Boarding House Reception. Parking is available outside the Hilton Boarding house near the Administration building. Please call Boarding House reception on **6770 1716** upon arrival to organise collection.

Our Head of Boarding, Mrs Alison Spencer has organised delivery to a number of families with other packs being mailed home.

Senior School Student Briefing

Following the Term Two Commencement Service on Monday, the Senior School girls will participate in a Year Group zoom meeting where they will be taken through the key elements of the Remote Learning program accompanied by a demonstration of the Canvas content management system where their class and course work will be found.

ANZAC DAY

College families should have received an email this afternoon outlining our proposed ANZAC Day 2020 commemoration as part of the “Light Up the Dawn” initiative. A show reel of the photos sent through will feature at our Commencement Service next Monday.

ACTIONS

- If your daughter will be undertaking her Remote Learning on campus next week, could you please reply to this email indicating your daughter’s name and year group level along with which days in the week she will be at school. This will assist us in organising appropriate supervision with social distancing in place.
- Collect your Remote Learning Packs from the College as outlined above.
- Tune into the webinar via the secure PLC Armidale YouTube channel via the email invitation sent out Friday 24 April.
- Send your daughter’s ANZAC Day photograph to the RemoteLearning@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au email address following the ‘Light Up the Dawn’ service.

I would like to thank the staff of the College who have worked tirelessly over the break to ensure that technology infrastructure is in place, learning programs have been prepared, packs collated and people are ready for Remote Learning across the College from the commencement of Term Two. It has been an outstanding display of collaboration and team effort under very challenging circumstances.

Kind regards



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