



24th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, announced that while schools are to remain open, she encouraged parents to keep their children at home.

In light of this, Macarthur Adventist College will remain open and run classes for students who need to come to school and encourage those that can keep them at home to do so.

Learning will now move in a different direction as we shift to online learning. Please understand that this will be a gradual process as the school and staff begin to prepare lessons your child can do at home. We will be utilising the same online platforms and workbooks, whether a student is physically at school or at home, so they will be able to continue to learn.

For the remainder of this week, basic lessons and work will be provided for students as teachers prepare for online learning.

For the following 2 weeks (until end of term) learning packs will be provided. (See below). Learning packs will be given to students on Friday 27th March. If you are keeping your child home, learning packs can be picked up from the front office window on Friday between 3pm-5pm or on Monday 30th March between 8am-5pm. The work booklets will also be emailed to parents if you prefer not to come in.

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Preps

A two-week learning pack with literacy and numeracy activities has been prepared for students to do whether learning at school or at home. In addition, daily online learning will be prepared through “**Seesaw**.” Parents who are looking after their children at home will be emailed links to learning apps that students are familiar with. If you are keeping your child at home and have not received an email from your child’s teacher, please contact them directly. Learning packs are to be picked up as mentioned above.

Kinder to Year 4

A two-week learning pack with literacy and numeracy activities has been prepared for students to do whether learning at school or at home. In addition, daily online learning will be prepared through “**Dojo**.” Parents who are looking after their children at home will be emailed links to learning apps that students are familiar with. If you are keeping your child at home and have not received an email from your child’s teacher, please contact them directly. Learning packs are to be picked up as mentioned above.

Year 5 to Year 6

A two-week learning pack with literacy and numeracy activities has been prepared for students to do whether learning at school or at home. In addition, daily online learning will be prepared through “**Microsoft Teams**.” (Teams should be available next week). Parents who are looking after their children at home will be emailed links to learning apps that students are familiar with. If you are keeping your child at home and have not received an email from your child’s teacher, please contact them directly. Learning packs are to be picked up as mentioned above.

Years 7 – 10

Student work is being posted on SEQTA for each lesson. Students can use SEQTA Direct Message to ask their teacher questions and get help with their learning. If you or your child have a question about SEQTA, or can’t log in, please ring the school, and IT staff or a teacher will assist. Later this week we will have Microsoft Teams available for students so that they can learn via video or calls, in addition to SEQTA.

Students will also be able to use Maths Pathways.



If you are keeping your child at home and have not received an email from your child's PCG teacher, please contact them directly. Learning packs are to be picked up as mentioned above.

Years 11-12

Student work is being posted on SEQTA for each lesson. Students can use SEQTA Direct Message to ask their teacher questions and get help with their learning. If you or your child have a question about SEQTA, or can't log in, please ring the school, and IT staff or a teacher will assist. Later this week we will have Microsoft Teams available for students so that they can learn via video or calls, in addition to SEQTA.

If you are keeping your child at home and have not received an email from your child's PCG teacher, please contact them directly. Learning packs are to be picked up as mentioned above.

Presently for Year 12, NESA has not made any changes, therefore assessment expectations remain the same. We will keep you informed if there are any updates or changes.

Canteen

Wednesday 25th March will be the last day for canteen orders with the canteen closed from Thursday 26th March until the end of Term 1, as there are not enough students at school to justify keeping it open.

Dear MAC family,

We are living in a very different and difficult time. I urge you to follow the advice regarding hygiene and social distancing. We appreciate your patience as we move to online learning and pray that God will take care of all your needs in this ever-changing time. (Philippians 4:19)

Kindest regards,



Principal

