



17 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing with an update about Term 2 arrangements in our college.

Term 2 Arrangements

As the Premier has advised, the arrangements for Term 2 will be that many students will learn from home for at least the first five weeks of the term. The situation for the second half of the term will depend on updated health advice and it is expected this advice will be received and communicated to parents during the week commencing 15 May.

Our college will be open during Term 2 for children of essential workers where home supervision is not possible and for all vulnerable children in our community. Unfortunately, we have not been able to make boarding available. Students who attend the college will be supervised as they undertake the *Learning from Home* program. It is important that any child who is sick does not attend college for the safety of other students, their families and our staff.

The Queensland Government provides the following definitions that may be of help:

- **Essential workers** are any workers who must continue to attend their workplace for essential business / work during this time;
- **Vulnerable children** include children identified by schools or who are currently receiving services from Child Safety, including children who are subject to a child protection order, or are subject to a youth justice order.

Student Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

We know this is an unsettling time for the whole community and it is important that as a Catholic college community and as families we provide reassurance for our students and keep their lives as normal as possible.

As such, we will be supporting our students in the following ways during this period:

- Your child will have contact with the college on every school day
- Pastoral support via House Deans and Counsellors remains available.

Student Attendance

New arrangements for recording attendance during this learning from home period will be in place during the first five weeks of Term 2 (up to 22 May).

During this period if a student is unwell and unable to participate in learning, parents are requested to advise their college using the college absentee line (49991300 – press 1).

Finally, our college will maintain contact with students each timetabled lesson. If the college becomes aware that a student is unexpectedly absent from either learning from home arrangements or their college, we will notify the student's parents using our established absences procedures.

Tuition Fees

Recent correspondence on Tuition Fee Relief in Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton Colleges for Term 2 can be found [here](#).

Social Distancing

To ensure compliance with social distancing measures, parents must not congregate in areas around the college (e.g. before or after school in car parks/ outside classrooms/ at the college gate). All persons entering and leaving the college grounds must maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from each other.

College Communications

As we start Term 2, we will continue to communicate with you through the normal channels whenever new information is available.

You can contact the college by email at tccr@tccr.com.au or by phoning 49991300.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick and the vulnerable at this time and also with the frontline health and emergency services workers bringing care and healing to those affected by the virus.

I know this will be a challenging time for our community, state and nation and I thank you in advance for your support for our students and staff and your understanding as we go forward.

May God continue to bless us all.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Alexander', with a stylized, flowing script.

Rob Alexander
Principal