



**This correspondence provides updated information about College operations from 27 July, 2020, along with an invitation to attend a parent information evening.**

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Parent Meeting – Years 9 - 12 ACCESS Program**

Parents/ Carers and students are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the ACCESS Alternative Pathway Program for Year 9 - 12 students at Ballajura Community College in 2021. Student suitability, selection process, curriculum, fees and future pathways will be discussed. The meeting will be held in the Resource Centre on the Cassowary Campus at 6:00pm next Tuesday 28 July. This event will assist in the subject selection process to be completed over the next few weeks.

*If you would like to attend, please send an email to Raymond Roberts, Head of Department Access at [raymond.roberts@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:raymond.roberts@education.wa.edu.au) or SEQTA message Raymond Roberts before 12:00 noon on Tuesday 27 July, indicating your child's name and the number of people attending.*

### **College operations**

As you will be aware, the Government of Western Australia continues the phase 4 COVID-19 management requirements which commenced on Saturday 27 June.

As such, our usual College operations along with a range of activities and events have now been resumed for Semester 2 with the following restrictions and inclusions. This information updates the changes from Semester 1 to Semester 2.

- Extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2 continue in Term 3;
- Social distancing measures, where possible are continuing;
- Students and staff are still reminded to wash and sanitise hands regularly;
- Parents/carers continue to be able to visit the College, this must be via the administration office for security and identification requirements thank you;
- Year group and school activities, incursions, excursions, camps, meetings and assemblies can resume, limited to 500 participants for any one event;
- The Peer Mentor, Creating The Dream, Student Council, Breakfast Club, Police Rangers, Amnesty and other student programs can now all operate;
- Practical music lessons, College Bands and Ensembles can resume;
- Interschool activities can recommence with the 2sqm rule applying to gatherings over 500;
- Sport and training resumes. Equipment may be shared, however equipment still requires regular cleaning;
- Student work placement can recommence if employers comply with WA COVID-19 Health guidelines;
- Normal class structures and timetable remain in operation;
- The uniform shop remains open, with social distancing requirements in place; and
- The College canteen and Home Economics learning area will continue to operate with COVID – 19 food management requirements in place (relevant staff have completed the AHA hospitality and tourism COVID-19 hygiene course).

Parents/carers are reminded that if your child or children are sick with seasonal cold or flu, please keep them at home. This is in line with standard expectations and practice and continues to be an important requirement at this time.

## **Semester 1 reporting**

A reminder that student Semester 1 academic reports are available through SEQTA. Thank you to those parents/carers who had conversations with their child's teachers on our Parent Reporting Day to discuss your child's educational progress during Semester 1. We greatly value this opportunity to speak with you and your time and involvement in this important aspect of schooling.

## **Semester 2**

This week, for the first time since the effects of the coronavirus, we have been able to resume student year assemblies. One of the topics discussed at the assemblies was the continuing impact COVID-19 is having upon our States and Territories across the country, and also how some families in our local community are still dealing with significant challenges. Let's all continue to be aware of this and provide our best wishes and support to these families as we look ahead to the second half of 2020.

The students can be proud of their conduct and the way in which they have commenced this term since returning from holidays. As I stated in my last update, even though there has been considerable disruption to our College operations and educational programs during Semester 1, students and staff worked hard to successfully navigate these events, remained positive and managed the restrictions imposed upon us. We can now look forward to a productive and engaging Semester and the recommencement of our usual range of student events and activities.

Please remember that if urgent mental health advice and support is required for yourself or your children, there is a 24 hour crisis support line 1800 048 636.

Thank you for your continuing support of the College and our best wishes and thoughts to you.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Cottrill  
Principal

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