



This correspondence provides updated information about College operations from Tuesday April 20, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that your families have had an enjoyable and safe break over the school holidays. We look forward to welcoming the students back for the commencement of Term 2.

The following updates information concerning activities occurring at the College this Term.

COVID-19

We continue to operate as last term, with no changes to our current operations.

BUILDING WORKS – Gymnasium Roof

During the school holidays building work commenced on the replacement of the gymnasium roof. Funded by the Department of Finance, the gym has been in need of a new roof for some time and experienced leaks throughout winter. Contractors are on site working from 6.30am until 3.30pm each day in and around the gymnasium. During this time staff, students and visitors to the College must adhere to any signage and remain outside the barricades that have been set up around the Gymnasium.

Whilst the roof over the main gym floor is being replaced, students will be able to access change rooms and toilets from the exterior door directly opposite the home economics building. Building works are expected to take 5 weeks.

BUILDING WORKS – Gymnasium Floor

Immediately following the installation of the new roof, further building works inside the gymnasium will take place to replace the gym flooring. Building time for this stage of building is expected to be another 5-6 weeks after the completion of the roof.

It is anticipated all Gymnasium works will be completed before the commencement of Term 3.

MAIN CARPARK – Illawarra Crescent

During the building works to the gymnasium, parking in the main Illawarra car park will be limited. Parents dropping students off at school are asked to be patient and careful when doing so in the Illawarra car park. Access is limited and it will take longer than normal to drop-off and collect students.

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Students driving to school are asked to use the car park located off Pelican Drive, park in designated bays and obey all parking signs. Parking in the Illawarra carpark is limited during building works and it is important that car parking bays are available for visitors, contractors and staff.

ANZAC Ceremony – College Thursday 22 April

We will hold the College ANZAC Day Ceremony for students and staff on Thursday 22 April in the grounds of our beautiful Peace Park. Invited and distinguished members of the local community will be attendance and it is important to remember that this is an important and sombre event to demonstrate our respect and acknowledgement for those that serve to protect Australia.

RSL ANZAC Day Community Dawn Service – Sunday 25 April - Cancelled

Due to the fluctuation in COVID-19 conditions surrounding events, the local Ballajura RSL Sub-Branch has decided not to hold the Community ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Sunday 25 April. For information about other RSL ANZAC Day services please refer to www.rslwa.org.au/services/

NAPLAN TESTING

A reminder to parents/carers that NAPLAN testing for year 7 and year 9 students commences on Tuesday May 11 and concludes on Thursday May 20. It is important that your child attends their scheduled NAPLAN tests. Students will be provided with a NAPLAN timetable indicating the testing times. If your child is absent for their scheduled testing, 'catch-up' sessions for these will be available.

COLLEGE STUDENT UNIFORM SUPPLIES

The College uniform shop is open on Wednesday morning from 8.15am until 11.30am, and on Thursday from 1.30pm until 4.45pm.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES

As I have mentioned previously, students have responded well to the requirement to have their mobile phones and listening devices away and turned off during the school day.

Teachers will continue to collect devices from students who are using them during the school day, and students will continue to be able to collect their device from the Student Services building once school has concluded for the day. This system has worked well and my thanks to the many parents/carers who have supported this requirement.

Once again I thank you for your continuing support of the College.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Cottrill, Principal

Monday April 19, 2021