

Communities@Work

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Dear Parents and Carers of Galilee School community,

We hope this letter finds you well.

Term 2 is progressing well, (or at least as well as could be expected under the circumstances).

Staff have been encouraged by the response to the introduction of Learning Coaches, the attendance at tutorial sessions and the increase in engagement levels across the school.

Our focus at Galilee School remains to support our students, support you and to keep our staff and community as safe as possible. We are also striving to keep learning and connection available and accessible to all.

Thank you for your support of the school during this period of change.

As has been the case since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the environment within which we are operating is changing all the time. The ACT Government has announced its plans to return Government School students to learning over a phased timeframe; they have also flagged some adjustments to the social isolation approaches applying across the community.

Our Remote Learning and Support Model (RLSM) will remain in place for Week 4. We encourage attendance at the tutorial sessions for all students where possible (but only when scheduled in consultation with staff).

From Week 5 we are proposing to commence a gradual return across the school to face to face learning, with priority being given to our Year 10 students.

Commencing in Week 5:

- Year 10 students will be able to return to full time attendance (if they choose to).
- Bus transport will resume (for those that require it) though arrangements may need to be adjusted given our current staffing resources – (given the confined space present on buses) we are hoping to, where possible, reduce the numbers of young people on our buses if we can
- A staged approach to returning Kambah students will be introduced:
 - The campus will be split into 2 groups
 - Each group will initially attend for 2 days a week
 - Wednesday will be a pupil free day
- Online learning will cease
- Remote learning will continue to be supported but will shift to a more supported, work book style content rather than 'online learning'
- Those students that choose to remain at home will be allocated Mel as their Learning Coach and Mel will work with them (and their other classroom teachers) to monitor progress and respond to needs

Please note that the arrangements put in place previously for attendance at school will remain in place going forward:

- a. Parents/carers of students attending school will be asked to sign the waiver that has been shared with you previously
- b. Social distancing for adults, and other health protocols, (as advised by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)) will be applied.
- c. Students and visitors to the school will be required to have their temperature taken every day and any young person (or visitor) with a temperature above 37.5 degrees will be asked to return home.
- d. Any person who is unwell or displaying COVID-19 symptoms is asked to stay at home.

Please visit our school website <https://www.commsatwork.org/services/community/galilee-school/> to access communications, resources and support during this time.

Regular reviews will be conducted of the operations of Galilee School considering:

- any new medical advice received
- feedback from young people and families
- staffing resources
- ACT Government advice.

We know that for some of our young people a return to school is not preferred nor possible at this time. Rest assured, our planning will seek to accommodate the learning and support needs of all young people.

The Timetable for next week (Week 4) has been posted online on our school website and remains the same as Week 3. The Timetables for the following weeks will be posted online as soon as it is possible to do so. Please ensure you check each week for an updated timetable.

Regular updates will continue to be provided via text message and via *School Stream*.

Please stay connected with us via our Galilee School Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GalileeSchool/>

Thanks for your ongoing support. We continue to seek to do whatever it takes to keep our community safe, engaged and supported.

Yours sincerely



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