

27 August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Galilee School community,

We hope this letter finds you well.

Term 3 has been disrupted and we know that the shifts required have had an impact on a number of levels. We thank you for your support and your patience. Overall our *Remote Learning and Support Model* (RLSM) is progressing well, (or at least as well as could be expected under the circumstances).

Staff have been encouraged by the attendance at online 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.

As has been the case since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the environment within which we are operating is changing all the time. Today, the ACT Government has announced no clear plans for the education sector beyond the existing 2 September timeline. We are therefore continuing with the implementation of our RLSM and also planning for the scenario that our RLSM will need to continue beyond the 2 September date.

Our Remote Learning and Support Model (RLSM) will remain in place for Week 8.

From Week 8 we are proposing to commence a modified model of access to onsite connection with the school. It will be limited, it will be closely managed, it will have clear requirements, and it will be by agreement and through consultation.

As you know our RLSM is designed to support three broad categories of learners:

- a. For students that are able to stay home and have access to technology
- b. For students that are able to stay home and DO NOT have access to technology
- c. For students that are not able to stay home and need to attend school
- d. Before a decision around a young person attending school is made each family is asked to discuss their circumstances with our Head of Student Support.
- e. Social distancing protocols will be applied
- f. Consistent with ACT Health advice, masks will need to be worn by all people attending school
- g. The school is only able to supply very limited food choices for young people.

- h. Attendance will only be supported at our Kambah Campus.
- i. Students attending school will be engaged in the same online learning and support program as those that are not attending school.
- j. The school is unable to provide regular school bus transport. If this presents a significant issue for you, please discuss this with us.
- k. 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.
- l. Any student displaying any potential Covid19 symptoms will be asked to return home.
- m. A Covid19 declaration outlining your agreement to these protocols will also need to be signed by the families of students attending school.

Commencing in Week 8 on Tuesday 31 August:

- Students will be required to book into each session ahead of time through discussion and liaison with our Head of Student Support, Leisl. These sessions are intended for those who **need** to attend, and everyone will need to be compliant with the ACT Health directives
- 2 Contact sessions will be scheduled each day:
 - Session 1 – 09:30 to 11:30
 - Session 2 – 12:15 to 13:30
- Contact sessions will be limited to 5 students at a time (this allows us to ensure social distancing is maintained and for our Remote Learning and Support Model to continue)
- Sessions will operate on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Week 8
- Sessions will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Week 9 and Week 10
- There will be no sessions on a Wednesday to enable Learning Packets to be delivered and collected from student homes.
- Students that are not scheduled for a session will not be allowed to remain at the school if they simply 'turn up'
- Students will be engaging in the same online learning sessions while on site as those that are off site.

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 continue to 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 attendance at school is not something they are comfortable with nor seeking at this time. That is fine, the same supports that have been provided to this point as part of our RLSM will continue. These contact sessions are designed for those students for whom face to face support and assistance is requested and desirable.

The Timetable for next week (Week 8) is online on our school website and remains the same as Week 7. The Timetables for the following weeks will be posted online as soon as it is possible to do so and changes will be flagged with you. 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



Tim McNevin
Principal

Lisa Hivers
Head of Teaching and Learning

Leisl Hignett
Head of Student Support