

20 August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Galilee School community,

We hope this letter finds you well.

Our transition week toward our Remote Learning and Support Model has gone well. Thank you to everyone for your patience and perseverance. Staff have been greatly encouraged by the opportunity to engage with the school's young people and connect them with their learning and development journeys.

Our focus at Galilee School remains to support our students, support you, and to keep our staff and community as safe as possible.

We will endeavour to keep our communication to you as open as possible. We encourage you to please connect with us if you have any concerns or questions as this period unfolds.

As indicated earlier in the week, from Monday next week (23 August) we will transition to our *Remote Learning and Support Model* (RLSM).

The key principles that we have adopted in our RLSM are:

1. Enabling teaching and learning to occur from anywhere to anywhere.
2. Enabling social and emotional support to be provided from anywhere to anywhere.
3. Maintaining our individual approach to teaching, learning and student support.
4. Focusing on the safety and welfare of staff, young people and their families/significant others.
5. That our approach is flexible and able to respond to the changing situation.

These principles enable us to support three broad categories of learners:

1. Students that are able to stay home and have access to technology
2. Students that are able to stay home and DO NOT have access to technology
3. Students that are not able to stay home and need to attend school. Students wishing to attend school must discuss their particular situation with Leisl (Head of Student Support) before any decision about attendance at school can be made.

For all families, new resources have been established on our school website [Galilee-School-guardian-and-community-resources/](#) to provide access to communications, resources and support during this time. These will be updated regularly.

The Galilee School RLSM:

1. accommodates both synchronous and asynchronous delivery (this means that, where appropriate, online learning sessions will be recorded and young people will be able to engage with these sessions at a time that suits them rather than at the scheduled time when they are delivered. We would however, encourage students to attend the live sessions whenever possible).
2. continues our model of Learning Coaches. Each young person enrolled with the school has been allocated a Learning Coach to reach out and connect around learning progress.

You'll find further detail in the attachment to this letter.

Please understand that our planning has had to accommodate a number of factors:

- The most up to date health advice available.
- Building in contingency for periods of staff absence/illness.
- Building in contingency if a case of COVID-19 leads to a school/campus closure.

Regular reviews will be conducted of the operations of Galilee School in response to the changing environment, including:

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

The timetable for each week will be posted online. The timetables will include scheduled teaching sessions, scheduled Youth Worker sessions and some 'flexible sessions' where more targeted support can be provided if and as needed. Please ensure you check each week for an updated timetable.

We greatly appreciate your feedback. Your ongoing communication is requested so that we can adjust and adapt in response to what is working and what needs to change.

If you are able to, and if you are yet to do so, please connect with the school via our *School Stream App*.

The school has also, this term, introduced all students to the *Pulse* app. The *Pulse* app is a way for students to give feedback to the school about how they are feeling. Please discuss this with your young person and encourage their weekly interaction with this platform.

If you have access to Facebook you can stay connected with us via our Galilee School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GalileeSchool/>

We are a strong community and we'll get through this together. Thanks for your ongoing support. We seek to do whatever it takes to keep you safe, engaged and supported.

Yours sincerely



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