
Macquarie College COVID Update 16 ~ 8 April

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Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

Below is a further update from Macquarie College in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Thank you to our Community

As I mentioned to our staff this week, none of us could possibly have foreseen what lay ahead when we started this term way back in January. While the past term has presented us with a vast array of unplanned challenges, it has also presented us with opportunities. Without seeking to in any way diminish the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak upon our community, times such as these also present us with unique opportunities to lean into our collective sense of community. When so many of our much anticipated family gatherings have been disrupted by the current social distancing rules, which while entirely necessary, inevitably leaves a void at times such as Easter, maintaining our sense of community here at Macquarie College is most important at this time.

Hence, despite the sense of separation that is being experienced by many at this time, I am personally grateful for our Macquarie College community and I would like to take this opportunity to particularly thank you, our parent community, for all of your effort and support of this school over the past few weeks.

Your support of Macquarie College has enabled us to continue to provide high-quality learning to your children, our students, in what has been a time of unprecedented disruption. While MC Cloud has not been without its challenges, your messages of support have buoyed our teachers, through whose extraordinary efforts, the MC Cloud platform was built and running in just a matter of days.

So thank you for your constructive feedback which has, and will continue to play, a pivotal role in helping us to refine the MC Cloud platform, and also for the interest that you take in the multiple elements of the school's programs. Your support, interest and participation in the life of Macquarie College has never been more vital or appreciated than it is right now.

Best wishes for the Easter break. I trust that despite the times we are currently moving through, that this Easter will provide both yourself and your family with rest and the opportunity to reflect on the life and sacrifice of Christ.

Finance Update

Despite the attention applied to the economy by the federal and state governments, we are very conscious of the potential financial impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on our Macquarie College families.

In Term 2 Macquarie College will be implementing a range of financial strategies designed to ensure that each of our families is able to successfully navigate the coming months. Our commitment to you is to ensure that no family is faced with the decision of having to withdraw their children from the school due to an inability to pay fees due to financial hardship brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak.

We understand that this is a most complex and stressful time for all families, regardless of your financial/employment position, and remain committed to supporting you throughout the coming months, so that once this outbreak has passed, our entire Macquarie College community can, together, move forward into the future with confidence.

Ahead of our Term 2 financial package for families, please continue to feel welcome to connect with our Business Manager, Stephen Andrews, at businessmanager@mc.nsw.edu.au, if our immediate support in relation to school fees or other school related expenses can be of assistance at this time.

We are here to support you and would welcome the opportunity to do so.

COVID-19 MC Website Tab

A quick reminder that you can continue to access the latest updates from Macquarie College in relation to COVID-19, together with a range of useful links to resources also related to the outbreak from the COVID-19 tab on the school's website homepage, macquariecollege.nsw.edu.au

Term 2 2020 and MC Cloud

Macquarie College continues to be a safe place for students to attend and, unless advised otherwise by the NSW Government, K-12 classes via MC Cloud will resume as scheduled on Monday 27 April 2020 for students both onsite and for those who are working on MC Cloud at home.

We're looking forward to continuing to refine and develop MC Cloud over the coming weeks, including the introduction of offline tasks and projects to assist in reducing the volume of time spent online by both students and teachers. The completion of such offline tasks and projects will form a key part of the MC Cloud program in Term 2 as we continue to move towards a sustainable model of offsite learning. While MC Cloud will never replace the benefits achieved through high-quality face-to-face learning which is only possible through onsite school attendance, it is our aim to introduce adaptations to the MC Cloud program which most closely represent those face-to-face experiences.

Macquarie College will continue to monitor the current Government advice in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak and provide further updates as relevant to our community.

Kind regards,

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