
Macquarie College COVID-19 Update 17 ~ 21 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.

I trust that the term break has gone well for you and your family. As we look forward to school recommencing at Macquarie College for Term 2 from Monday 27 April, the update below is intended to provide you with key information in regards to continuity of learning at MC together with advice in regards to safety and wellbeing of our staff and students. As always, please feel welcome to contact me at principal@mc.nsw.edu.au if you have specific questions not covered in this update that you would like assistance with.

Continuity of Learning throughout Term 2

In the past few days there has been an increasing level of commentary in the media, together with various statements from both the federal and state governments in relation to students returning to school campuses in Term 2, with particular emphasis on what that might look like from Week 3 onwards.

As an Independent school, Macquarie College will take into account all government advice at this time in relation to suggested plans for students across the state returning to school, however, we will ultimately develop a plan which seeks to allow our students to return to onsite learning in a safe and sustainable manner which meets the specific needs of our community.

With that in mind, please note the following as you plan for your children's involvement in learning at MC in Term 2:

- School for all students commences via MC Cloud from Monday 27 April.
- MC Cloud will be the platform of learning delivery for all students at MC over weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2.
- As per government advice, MC is currently planning for changes to our current delivery of learning for Week 3 onwards.
- MC will publish a comprehensive plan for the delivery of learning for Week 3 onwards in the coming days.
- This MC plan will take into account the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community together with the learning needs of specific cohorts of students across the campus.
- Notwithstanding the above points, all parents/carers are reminded that, as per throughout Term 1, you are welcome to send your children to school at MC from Monday 27 April.
- Children attending school onsite at MC throughout Weeks 1 and 2 will be appropriately supervised while they complete their learning via MC Cloud.

Safety and Wellbeing of Students and Staff

In relation to safety and wellbeing at Macquarie College during this period of the COVID-19 outbreak, please also note the following:

- Both the federal and state governments have consistently maintained that schools remain a safe place for students to attend. This is a position supported by Macquarie College.

- While attending school at MC, students have access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer and, where appropriate, are supported to maintain appropriate physical distancing.
- As per Term 1, aspects of the school program such as Chapel programs and assemblies, and where appropriate other non-class related meetings, will remain online.
- NSW Health exempts schools from the requirement to maintain 1.5 metre physical distancing between persons within classrooms on the basis of expert medical advice that children are less likely to transmit COVID-19.
- To support the re-introduction of classroom-based learning MC has recently purchased a number of non-contact infrared thermometers to assist in monitoring of the health of staff and students.
- Deep-cleaning continues across the campus on a daily basis, with particular emphasis on the repeated disinfecting of high-use surfaces, door handles etc. throughout each day.

A Short Survey to Assist MC with Planning for Term 2

As we now plan for the commencement of Term 2 at Macquarie College, your assistance as parents/carers in the completion of the short survey below - to indicate your intention to access MC Cloud either onsite or offsite for the first two weeks of the new term - would be greatly appreciated.

[Click here](#) to access the survey.

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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