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## Macquarie College COVID-19 Update 11 ~ 23 March

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Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

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

### Pastoral Support for Students and Families

Macquarie College understands that the current COVID-19 outbreak may potentially create a time of unprecedented stress for both our students and their families. Our campus is richly blessed by the services of an outstanding pastoral team, and with the intention of seeking to support to families over the coming weeks, the contact details of our campus pastoral team are published below. Please know that you are welcome to contact any of our team at any time to access pastoral counselling, prayer and support, as appropriate.

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While the weeks ahead may present unforeseen challenges for many of us, please know that, whether you are a parent, carer or a student, the MC pastoral team are here to support and care for you.

### **MC Cloud = Continuity of Learning at Macquarie College**

Following announcements by the Prime Minister and the NSW Premier in the last 24 hours in the relation to the forward operation of schools throughout the period of the COVID-19 outbreak, it is important to note that the MC Cloud program will exceed the expectations of both the Federal and State Governments.

MC Cloud launched this week with students from K-12 able to login and meet virtually with their teachers, and to engage with learning activities for that day. Live check-ins are happening at the start of each day for Junior School (we will stagger those times - see SEQTA), and at the start of each lesson for Senior School.

The live check-ins are done via Google Meet, and for security reasons, only Google accounts with a College email are able to join. This means that students need to be logged into their College Google accounts, and first visit SEQTA LEARN.

Students in Years 3-12 already have this login information, or in the case of 3-6, check with their teachers to be reminded. The ICT Department are setting up accounts for K-2 today, and will email out to parents the student login details for GSuite and SEQTA Learn.

Each day (JS) and lesson (SS) starts with instructions in SEQTA, and then a Google Meet (details for the Meet are in those SEQTA instructions). If you have any questions please feel free to email your teacher, or contact Mr Chapman at [dchapman@mc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dchapman@mc.nsw.edu.au)

If your student has been registered for MC Cloud, their attendance will be marked as such. We recognise there has been some teething issues with this process, but we hope it has been improved after our learning from today. Parents/carers - if you have registered your child for MC Cloud, but you decide to send them to school on a day, they are welcome - but please contact the office so that the rolls can be marked correctly for that day.

Finally, in the coming days we expect to have populated a new MC Cloud tab in the masthead of our MC website, which will contain a comprehensive range of parent resources related to the program.

### **School Attendance**

As expressed by the NSW Premier, families are now encouraged, where possible, to keep their children at home rather than sending them to school. In instances where it is not practicable for children to be adequately supervised and complete their learning via MC Cloud at home, families are still able to send their children to school at Macquarie College each day. As stated by the Premier, it is safe to send your children to school.

Children registered for classes via MC Cloud will not be recorded as being absent from school.

### **Maintaining a Healthy School**

Macquarie College continues to maintain an increased schedule of cleaning and disinfecting on a daily basis. A big thank you to our hardworking and diligent cleaners who have really stepped up over the past couple of weeks in an effort to keep us all safe and well here onsite.

As has been previously published to families on 10 March, it is again timely to note that current health advice for families with students who are unwell (temperature at or above 37.9 or severe respiratory symptoms) is that those students should be kept at home and under no circumstances should they be sent to school. In such circumstances, the unwell student should remain at home until they are symptom free without the use of fever-reducing medications (e.g. cold and flu medications, cough suppressants etc.).

In circumstances where a student presents at school when they are unwell (cold-like symptoms where frequent coughing etc. occurs) or develops flu-like symptoms throughout the day, families will be asked to collect them immediately. This advice is not based on the assumption that a student presenting with flu-like symptoms does, in fact, have COVID-19, but rather is a proactive measure to ensure that in the worst case scenario, the risk of secondary infections is greatly reduced and that over the coming weeks and months, the general health of others at the school is not compromised.

When children are asked to remain at home for a period of time due to illness in the circumstances outlined above, illness notwithstanding, they will be able to maintain their learning via MC Cloud.

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

Kind regards,

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