

Dear Parent/Carers

We are moving in to our third method of delivering quality educational opportunities to our school community and whilst tired, we are grateful for the messages of support and we are looking forward to seeing our students staggered return to school starting:

- Monday 18 May 2020 for Year 7
- Monday 25 May 2020 for Year 7 & 10 and
- Tuesday 2 June 2020 for Years 7-10.

Please note that the School Canteen will not be open Monday 18 to Friday 22 May 2020, students should bring recess, lunch and a re-fillable water bottler. Please feel free to contact any of the following people to discuss the content. All previous emails and attachments are available from the schools website [HERE](#).

Principal, Simon Vaughan: Simon.Vaughan@ed.act.edu.au

Student Engagement Deputy Principal, Ryan Kay: Ryan.Kay@ed.act.edu.au

Strategic Operations Deputy Principal, Shannon Carnovale:

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HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING: Thank you to the families who lodged their intent to keep their child(ren) home, you should by now have received an email from the school. Any families who wish to continue with at home learning arrangements to register with the Melrose Rolls Office (rollsoffice@melrosehs.act.edu.au).

STAGGERED RETURN – As outlined in the letter you received from the ACT Chief Health Officer, Kerry Coleman, we need your support to ensure the following:

- Physical distancing for adults – maintain 1.5 metres and where possible do not enter the school grounds.
- Risks to vulnerable populations in schools – consult medical practitioner to determine suitability for onsite learning
- Hygiene – good practices is essential we request that you remind you child(ren) about the importance of regular hand washing, using hand sanitiser, not sharing drink bottles etc.
- Management of suspected or confirmed cases – staff and students experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) should stay home and parent/carers of students who attend school and present with these symptoms will be sent home

ONLINE LEARNING PROTOCOLS – congratulations to students, Year Coordinators and the Student Engagement Team for creating the attached protocols for online learning at home and in school. Feedback from parent/carers until COB until Friday 5 June 2020 and should be directed to the Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) Team by emailing the Student Engagement Executive Teacher, Nathan Hitchcock at: Nathan.Hitchcock@ed.act.edu.au

SUPPORT FOR PARENT/CARERS

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES: Please note the following message from Transport Canberra - Over the coming weeks children will start to return to the classroom. All bus and light rail services, including special needs transport, are operating as normal. To keep our community safe from #COVID19, only use public transport if necessary or consider walking or riding to school for those shorter trips. The safety of our drivers and our customers is our highest priority and in response to #COVID19 increased cleaning is taking place across all areas of public transport including at stops, stations and within the vehicles. If you are required to use public transport to get to and from school, please be aware and remember the following:

- No cash accepted on buses - please use MyWay
- Top up (and register) your MyWay card
- Use the rear door to enter and exit on buses
- Be aware that light rail vehicles have auto doors opening at all stops
- Where possible maintain physical distancing
- No front seat access on buses
- Always practice good hygiene

For more: <https://bit.ly/2Ws5mZs>

MESSENGERS PROGRAM: Due to popular demand, the Messengers Program will again be offering our free parenting seminars for challenged parents of adolescents. Facilitated by social workers, Sarah O'Sullivan and Gretel Burgess, the seminars are designed to improve knowledge of adolescent development and confidence in using strategies to parent a teenager experiencing mental health issues. The seminar will be held online via zoom over two nights (28 May & 4 June 2020, 5.30pm – 6.45) and will cover topics such as:

- Understanding adolescent development
- Mental health concerns in teenagers (including anxiety, depression, & self-harm)
- Positive communication & coping strategies

Please visit their website for a registration form: <https://bit.ly/2KY8Xba>. For more information contact us at Messengers@tuggeranongarts.com

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to greeting the Year 7 students on Monday.

Kind regards
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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and celebrate their ongoing culture and contribution to society.

15 May