

COVID19 Update for Dickson College 24 April 2020

Dear Students and families,

I hope you are all well and ready to begin term 2 online\remotely from Tuesday 28 April. To assist students, a copy of their classes with instructions on how to interpret the [online\remote timetable](#) was sent to students email addresses yesterday afternoon.

Mid Semester Reports and Parent Teacher Contact

As mentioned previously, Mid Semester Reports capturing formative assessment and feedback to students will be sent to students and families next week. Currently we are working to a timeline that has these distributed via email after 2pm Friday 1 May.

We have investigated the possibility of Parent teacher interviews online but unfortunately; we are unable to do this now. Teachers will be requesting contact times for follow-up phone calls with parents only where there is a concern about a student's progress. This will be organised to happen in week 2 of term 2, instructions on the process will be sent to families with the Mid Semester Reports next week.

Student Wellbeing

If students are requiring additional support to engage with their studies, they should contact our Student Wellbeing area. Student Wellbeing can put students in touch with our school psychologist, the relevant Year Coordinator or our Careers and Transitions team.

Delivery of VET (Vocational Education and Training courses)

As all ACT government schools are moving to online delivery for all curriculum areas including VET. This will require some modification to the way VET programs are currently delivered.

Term 2 will focus on the delivery and assessment of theory for the competencies in the BSSS (Board of Senior Secondary Studies) VET unit currently being delivered. The practical evidence required for achievement of individual competencies will be the focus of teaching and assessment when students return to school. Competency based learning provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate competence over a period of time and in a range of contexts. Students may be awarded competencies in the future through demonstration of practical skills which meets the evidence required and the theory work students have already completed.

Information is available on the [Board of Senior Secondary Studies Website](#) at Board of Senior Secondary Studies FAQ.



Please stay up to date with the latest information on COVID-19 by visiting the , [ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies \(BSSS\)](#) , and the [Dickson College](#) websites and [Dickson College Facebook page](#).

Take care and stay connected.

Regards

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