

From the Principal

Dear students and families,

We are looking forward to seeing students back onsite from Monday 18 May. As you would be aware, we are very conscious of the wellbeing of our students and staff and will be offering support for students both onsite, and online for those who remain at home. Please see the following [video message](#) that explains this approach in more detail.

When we return to onsite learning from Monday, there will be some changes to the way we operate to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. I'm writing to you today to let you know about some of the measures we will be putting in place. Please see these detailed in the section below.

Thanks again for all your support, patience and understanding.

Craig Edwards
Principal

COVID-19 Health and hygiene information

Health and hygiene

There will be a strong focus on ensuring good health and hygiene practices – like hand washing – when we return. Our college has stocked up on soap, hand sanitiser and paper towels and all students and staff will be regularly reminded to wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

There will also be a focus on other hygiene measures, including encouraging everyone to cough into elbows or a tissue, placing used tissues in bins, avoiding touching eyes, noses or mouths, no sharing food or drink, not using water fountains or bubblers directly, as well as hygiene measures in the preparation of food products.

Cleaning

Our cleaning services will be extended to deliver dedicated cleaning activities during each school day – particularly on high touch points such as door handles – and an updated cleaning plan will be in place prior to resumption of learning onsite.

If a student is sick

When students return to the classroom, it is important we are vigilant about health and hygiene. This means if your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to college. If your child comes to school unwell, you will be asked to collect them. We will be stricter in implementing these rules than you are perhaps used to, but it is for the health and safety of everyone in our school community.

Physical distancing

New physical distancing measures will be in place for adults in our schools. This will be a big change to the way we are used to interacting with our school community.

The ACT Chief Health Officer has advised that schools should limit the gathering of adults on school sites. At our school this will mean adults, including parents and staff, will need to maintain physical distancing between themselves and other adults.

Adults in ACT public schools will need to ensure they keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves and no more than one adult per four square metres in an indoor space (for example in classrooms).

In limiting the number of adults on site, we encourage you to contact us via e-mail or telephone before visiting. If a face-to-face meeting is required, we ask you to book a time so that physical distancing can be planned. All visitors need to report to the front office on arrival, including those adults that have a face-to-face meeting scheduled in Student Wellbeing or Support Programs.

Open Night 2020 Video

Unfortunately, this year we will not be hosting Open Night at the College. Typically, this is a great evening for us, with many student volunteers, musical performances and demonstrations of student work. This year the Education Directorate is helping every school with a short video. Ours is now on our website and can be [found here](#).

Important dates 2020

Monday 18 May	Students return to classes onsite or online
Friday 19 June	Last day of classes for Semester 1
Friday 3 July	Semester 1 Reports emailed
Monday 20 July	First day of Semester 2 (Term 3)
Tuesday & Wednesday 1 & 2 September	Year 12 AST
Monday 12 October	Start of term 4
Thursday 19 November	Last day of classes for Semester 2
Friday – Tuesday 20 – 24 November	Cross line testing period for Semester 2*
Thursday 25 November	Year 11 AST Trial
Wednesday 2 December	Year 12 Brunch and Year 12 Formal
Thursday 17 December	Year 12 Graduation

DC T-shirt

Our new Dickson T- Shirts are available for sale from the Front Office for \$12. They are available in Navy and White. We still have some of the old-style T- Shirts still available as well.

