Parent Roles and Responsibilities during Term 2 - Remote and Flexible Learning (R&FL)

We have been preparing for R&FL and the College staff have made enormous progress over the last four weeks. We want to reassure the school community that our focus is the continuity of learning for all students. Classes will run online according to the timetable that is published on Compass. This is really important for continuity and allowing students (and all teachers) to form a sense of routine.

*Please note that the following does not apply to school holidays, public holidays or any period of time defined as student free day.

**Through Compass, all students will:**
- Access and engage in the self-directed learning tasks as instructed on lesson plans
- Submit learning tasks and assessments by set dates.
- Submit one learning task for each unit, each week
- Email teachers during school hours any questions regarding their work.
- Check in with their REAL mentor daily.

**In addition, VCE students will:**
- Participate in Online lessons via Microsoft Teams for each timetabled VCE lesson. Students will be required to sign in and out of each class.
- Access Edrolo which provides online resources which are useful in compiling notes and applying content.

Small groups of VCE and VCAL students may be required on-site to complete learning requirements. We will advise if these arrangements are necessary.

**REAL mentors will:**
Through Compass check in with their REAL homegroup 9am each day.

**Instrumental Music students will:**
- Attend Instrumental Music lessons via Microsoft teams

**All teachers will:**
Through Compass provide:
- Detailed lesson plans including self-directed learning tasks
- Formative and summative assessments
- Feedback, feedback and feedforward on submitted assessments
- Via classfeed, an introduction to the lesson (Learning Intention and Success Criteria)
- Where possible, modifications of the work of practical based subjects for home situations
- Allocate one learning task for submission for each unit, each week.
- Respond to emails from families within 24 hours on weekdays

**In addition, VCE teachers will:**
- Provide online classes through Microsoft teams.

**Parents and Carers will:**
- Support their child/ren in creating a positive learning routine, which is consistent with the students normal timetable.
- Provide Internet access
- Allocate a study area with good ventilation, light and well-ordered quiet space.
- Ensure no distractions during scheduled classes.
- Provide encouragement as your child/ren adjust to this new way of learning.
- Ensure they meet Victorian Government criteria and complete and email the required form within stated timelines before sending their child/ren to school

The Department of Education and Training’s Learning from Home website also provides information and resources for parents and carers: [https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx)

Further information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can be found on the Department’s website, which will continue to be updated as the situation evolves: [https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx)
Frequently asked questions

How can I support my child/ren?
Ensure your child/ren have a dedicated study area with good ventilation, light, internet access and well-ordered quiet space. Ensure there are no distractions during scheduled classes.

What if my child/ren need access to internet or borrow a laptop?
If your child/ren needs to borrow a laptop or access to the internet, please contact your child’s Engagement leader this week.

What if my child/ren is needing additional support?
Students can contact their:
- teacher during school hours for support with their learning.
- REAL mentor for general support. The REAL mentor may refer your child to their Engagement Leader.

How will I be updated during the term?
The College newsletter will continue to be distributed via Compass each Thursday. Compass newsfeeds will also remain a communication tool during R&FL.

How will I be updated with my child’s learning?
Normal protocols remain in place - feedback on assessments via Compass. Teachers will also complete both positive and negative chronicles where appropriate.

What about the GAT, exams and the ATAR?
- The GAT has been postponed until October / November.
- Exams have been postponed until at least December.
- Students will receive an ATAR early next year, this will either be derived from coursework and the exams as usual or from the GAT and year 11 results if the delay continues. Universities are working closely with the VCAA around University entry. University year may be delayed next year.

What do I need to do if I MUST send my child/ren to school?
Ensure you meet the eligibility requirements for attending onsite and complete the on-site form and email it to tallangatta.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au with ‘Attendance’ in the subject within the stated timelines.
- Week 1: applications due no later than 12noon TUESDAY 14th April
- Weeks 2 to 11: application form due no later than 3pm THURSDAY of each week
  (application form for onsite attendance during week 2 is due this THURSDAY 16th April, 3pm)
- Parents, Carers and Guardians will be notified of confirmed attendance by 3pm FRIDAY of each week.
  (by 3pm TUESDAY 14th April for week 1 onsite supervision)

What does my child/ren need if I must send them to school?
Normal requirements such as wearing school uniform and no mobile phones during school hours apply. They will need their lunch / snacks, including a drink bottle and learning equipment, including a charged laptop, as they will be completing the online learning program.

Will school buses be running?
Transport arrangements, as an essential service, will continue to operate for students attending on-site. Physical distancing rules should be followed on school buses and other shared transport to and from school.

Will the privately chartered Wodonga/ Baranduda buses be running?
The preference is to not run the two buses and invoice families. If your child/ren is needing this service to attend onsite learning, please clearly state this on the form.