



SAINT KENTIGERN

24 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2, albeit in a manner that we are not accustomed too. I know we will all be hoping for level 2 status in two weeks time. If that is the case, then I expect that we will see a resumption of much of our sport and performing arts activities later this term.

Term 2 classes recommence on Wednesday 29 April, following a virtual Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 28 April. We have 21 students who will be on campus during Level 3. These students will be working on their distance learning in bubbles of ten or less in the Elizabeth McFarlan Centre, which is ideally suited for the practical aspects for physical distancing. Can I take this opportunity to thank the many teachers who have volunteered to help with this programme.

Please note that attendance is not on a casual basis. If your child is sick or unable to attend for any reason let us know in the usual way through the absence text or email (skc_absence@saintkentigern.com). If you missed out on completing the online survey and want to register your child to attend during level 3 please contact Maree Galland at maree.galland@saintkentigern.com.

For the whole school, our distance learning continues. Despite being an unfortunate situation being in lockdown, we are seeking to consolidate on what we learnt about distance learning in the weeks prior to Easter. Here is what we have come to:

Routine:

- All students will follow their specific timetable
- Year 7 Tutors will post on the OLE a summary of the day before 8am
- Attendance must be recorded. Subject teachers to set up OLE task to record and follow-up
- Teams meetings will start no earlier than 5 minutes into the next period to give students time to take toilet break/get up and stretch or a snack.
- ETT will continue – Students use this time to view assembly/chapel services via provided link
- Interval and lunch times are device free – please insist on that.
- Students will send in photos of independent learning tasks as a checking mechanism for each lesson as required by the teacher

A normal day will be as follows:

Students

8.15am – Year 7 Students will log on to their Tutor Group OLE page and view summary of the day and be ready to learn (time to get materials ready)

8.40am Teams Video Conference with Tutor Teacher

- a. Any feedback from previous day
- b. Welcome and outline what to expect in the day ahead

Follow normal timetable structure for that day

Pd 1 8.50am – Pd 6 -3.30pm

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As a community of learners, our Saint Kentigern shared expectations during our Distance Learning Programme are as follows:

Students

- a. Know your schedule.
- b. Visit OLE and Email daily
- c. Follow your timetable
- d. Have a set study space and keep it neat and organized with your supplies.
- e. Take a lunch break, as well as other smaller breaks during the day. **No computers, phones or I pads – you need to give your eyes, shoulders, neck and brain a break**
- f. Participate positively in your Live Lessons, dressed appropriately. Be active in the discussions and be prepared to turn on your camera/microphone to facilitate communication. Do not use the Chat unless advised by the teacher to do so relating to the class discussion
- g. Complete assignments, tasks homework in a timely manner. Provide evidence when requested
- h. Ensure work is completed to the best of your ability
- i. Ask for help when you need it.
- j. Strive to find balance in your life with physical activity, family obligations, and student responsibilities.
- k. Live the Saint Kentigern values of Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Love in the online environment.
- l. Remember the importance of academic honesty in the online environment.
- m. Seek assistance from your Tutor Teacher if and when encountering technical difficulties.

Parents

- a. Go over your child's schedule on OLE/Email and ensure they attend all daily Lessons on time.
- b. Provide a quiet well-equipped workspace for your child.
- c. Promote and encourage Digital Citizenship
- d. Talk to your child about their online learning experiences. Ask them about class activities and assignments.
- e. Work to have balance in your family life with physical activity, family obligations, and student responsibilities.
- f. Live the Saint Kentigern values of Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Love in the online environment.
- g. Reply to emails from the school in a timely manner.
- h. Contact the tutor for pastoral matters and the subject teacher for academic questions in the first instance. The Head of House is also available if required.

This Saturday is Anzac Day. As I write this, on the coffee table beside me are letters from my maternal grandfather's brother Ted Stephenson. Mum scanned these for me as they have only recently come to light. I never met Ted as he and his brother Norman were lost in the war, as was my paternal grandmother's twin brother. Anzac Day is a bookmark for us all - a time when we pause, assemble together, and remember. For our children who have only known the wars through movies, exhibitions and literature this is a time when they can ask questions and learn the importance of remembrance. I learnt that lesson with my then young daughter. We were coming to the end of walking through the holocaust exhibition in the Imperial War Museum when she turned to me and said, "did people really do this?" It had become 'real' for her.

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We are unable to assemble this year, but we can as families remember, share and learn. I am sure you will have your own family connections, stories and memories...I found our letters very moving. Let us not forget.

Fides servanda est



Russell Brooke
College Principal

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them.

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