



3 April 2020

RE: COVID 19 UPDATE 5

Dear College Families

We have had a successful week at FCAC, despite not being able to celebrate our 25th Foundation Day. Students on campus have been productive, online students have been checking in and completing their tasks, and staff have been able to use the time to forward plan and develop resources for delivering content on an online platform. We were pleased to be able to support working families by remaining open and also to provide assistance to students learning from home.

Arrangements for Term 2

- We are planning to be **open** and operating for Term 2. We are expecting to run our normal timetable and to cater for students on campus and some online. If the advice from the government changes over the break, we will be in contact soon after (through the College app) to advise new arrangements. We are prepared for a range of scenarios.
- Students that are **self-isolating** will continue to be supported through an online platform. This week has allowed us to add some further features to support these students that you will see beginning to be introduced in some classes throughout the term.
- We will continue the **social distancing** arrangements that were in place in Term 1 Week 9 until we receive official advice to relax these measures. I expect that we will continue with these measures for many months. Please be aware that due to the inherent nature of a school, it is not possible to guarantee that students will always be 1.5m apart throughout the course of a school day. We are reducing the risk of transmission by enacting social distancing measures wherever practically possible, as well as encouraging hygiene practices and providing increased cleaning of contact surfaces.
- **Unwell students should continue to remain at home.** Students who become unwell at school will be sent home. Students who are unwell do not need to do schoolwork at home. They can catch up when they return. If an unwell student needs to contact a teacher, the teacher will respond within 24 hours.
- There are no **sports carnivals** or Queensland School Sport events planned for Term 2.
- **Fraser Flames** fixtures are subject to government and governing body directions and the relevant Sports Coordinator will contact players once training and games resume. The College app will be used to communicate this so please ensure you are subscribed to sports your children are involved in.



- **Extra-curricular activities** (such as tutoring) will continue as per arrangements for Week 9 of Term 1. Many activities will remain cancelled for the foreseeable future but some will continue with modified arrangements to have a single year level at a time. The activity organiser will be in contact if/when there are any changes. Please keep an eye on notices through the College app.
- Term 2 **Outdoor Education** experience and **excursions** have either been postponed until later in the year or cancelled. The relevant Heads of School, Year Level Coordinators or subject teachers will advise families on specific arrangements in Term 2. In the event of a cancellation, families will be refunded all recoverable costs.
- **Koala Kindy** will remain open as per current arrangements. Working families should be aware that there is now support for them to send their children to Koala Kindy. Please contact the Kindy for details.
- **ROOS Vacation Care** will operate throughout the holidays. If you are wanting to make use of this service, please ensure that you have booked in.

Support for FCAC Families

We understand that there are FCAC families and businesses that are significantly financially impacted by the government measures put in place to combat the spread of COVID 19. We are currently finalising support measures for these families. We have a long history of supporting our families through financial crises and will continue to do so through this current challenge. We want to reduce financial pressure on families directly impacted by COVID 19, we want to provide a consistency for our students, and we want to keep our College family together throughout the crisis.

- Term 2 fee statements will be sent out during the holidays.
- The due date for payment will be extended and families are able to discuss a change in their payment arrangements to suit their financial needs.
- Families that are experiencing a **short term** cash flow issue can contact us to discuss deferment of their payments to a later date.
- For families that need **immediate** financial support, we will place a hold on your payments until we can obtain the relevant information from you and develop a fee support plan.
- If your family needs **financial support** from Term 2, please contact us during the first week of the holidays so that we can put arrangements in place for Term 2.
- If your family is currently in a **stable** financial situation but anticipates that this may change in the coming months, or even in 2021, please contact us early in Term 2. We understand that the financial shock of the government measures may not hit some businesses until the coming



months and we are reserving resources to assist these families later in the year and in 2021. It is important that you still make contact with us soon so that we can forward plan.

- **Koala Kindy** families that are intending to send their child to FCAC for Prep in 2021 and whose income is/or may be impacted by COVID 19 should contact our Registrar so that we can plan to support you in 2021.
- For all of the above, please contact Linda Reid on 4124 5411 or lreid@fcac.qld.edu.au .

We will aim to support you proactively, meaningfully, to the extent of our resources and for the continuation of your child's learning at FCAC through the provision of fee assistance. We know conditions will improve and we will do our best to help you through the rough patches.

Past generations of Australians have faced great challenges – drought, floods, fires and World Wars – and they have faced it with courage while helping others along the way. Throughout the world, Australians are known as a resilient people. Many of the advantages that we have today are due to the way previous generations of Australians have handled themselves under times of great stress.

Now, as we face our greatest challenge, we will honour the spirit of those who have gone before us. Our children are watching and learning from us. One day, when their great challenge comes, they will remember how we responded to this great challenge. They will remember that we were calm, we were resilient, and that we extended a hand to others.

Kind regards,

Joe Wright
Principal