



HAMILTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

24 April 2020

Dear Parents /Caregivers,

Term 2 Learning Program

Although our College will remain open to welcome back students who will attend on-site, please note that the majority of our families have indicated, via our parent survey, that their child will be learning from home.

In line with the Department for Education (DFE) positions, we continue to support parent choice and we are committed to ensuring that all students have equal access to the learning program.

Working within the flexibility to make local decisions as Principal, I wish to:

- **Confirm that online learning will be our mode for teaching in Term 2, for all students.**

This includes students who will be learning from home as well as those who will attend on-site.

- **Confirm that students can learn from home for the duration of Term 2, whilst accessing a rigorous program online.**

This has been reiterated in a letter sent to Principals on 21 April by the DFE, Chief Executive, Rick Persse who states “.....we will continue to respect the preferences of parents. If they don’t feel comfortable sending their children to school for whatever reason, they won’t be obliged to. Please continue your remote learning offering for students learning from home during this time...”.

- **Request that parents, who may be reconsidering their choice, commit to their decision as per survey, for at least the first week of Term 2.**

This period of time will allow us to undertake appropriate planning for the gradual resumption of regular classes on-site. It will also allow us to implement rigorous protocols and measures such as social distancing so that we are consistent with the advice of senior health officials to ensure the safety of students and staff. Social distancing has been listed by Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer, as one of the key factors that has assisted in having low numbers of confirmed COVID -19 cases in South Australia.

We will further communicate with families in week one of Term 2.

I encourage you to read Professor Spurrier’s letter which provides the most current health advice. You can find her letter on our website by *clicking on Coronavirus - Letter from the Chief Public Health Officer – 22 April*.

On a final note, I wish to welcome back all students, those learning from home as well as those attending school.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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