



## HAMILTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

March 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I write to provide you a further update as we continue to transition to online learning.

The following information is an overall plan to ensure continuity of student learning from the **beginning of Term Two**. Our aim is to ensure that students can access meaningful learning through various modes.

### 1. An online learning model will begin in Week 1, Term 2 for all year levels

- ❖ The online platform, Microsoft Teams, will enable “real time” contact between teachers and students. Lessons through Microsoft Teams will mainly take the form of explicit instruction or teaching a new concept for the whole class or for small groups. Each teacher will have the flexibility to teach in accordance with the needs of their students and the mode of delivery required to effectively teach the curriculum.

Every class has had an opportunity to be part of the trial and test how the Microsoft Teams online platform works. This has been an important process as we want our students to stay connected with their learning, teachers and peers. Although we understand that remote learning cannot replicate a regular classroom, our aim is to provide a solid program.

Thank you to all families for their cooperation and assistance by providing us with their updated communication details and their home ICT capacity. This will assist us to smoothly deliver the program.

- ❖ Please visit our website <https://www.hamcoll.sa.edu.au/intranet/ict-help/microsoft-teams/> to view the Microsoft Teams PowerPoint. This will provide students, who may have been absent for the trials, with a step by step instruction on how to access the online platform.
- ❖ DayMap will also be used to support students in their learning from home. Lesson plans, assignments, instructions, written feedback and resources will be published on DayMap by the subject teacher.
- ❖ Extended units of work in hard copy will be posted to each student in Years 8-10. The purpose for this is to provide an alternative mode of learning where it is required.





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- ❖ The Department for Education has also launched **Our Learning SA**. It is a curriculum portal where you can access quality learning materials for learning from home. These resources will be regularly added to. Please visit [www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa)
- ❖ Students in Year 11 and 12 will continue to follow their current program. Teachers are in the process of reviewing their program with a view of teaching any practical components in late Term two or early Term three.

### 2. Timetable /Attendance

- ❖ Students' attendance will continue to be marked through DayMap to maintain accurate records.
- ❖ Students' timetable will remain the same as per their regular timetable i.e. a full day of lessons. Students will be expected to go online during those scheduled times.

### 3. Year 12 students

- ❖ We are paying particular attention to the Year 12 program and to the needs of our Year 12 students. We are closely monitoring all updates from the SACE Board with a view to adopt any additional flexibility to the SACE arrangements that the Board may consider.
- ❖ The SACE Board will be working with SATAC and other educational bodies to ensure that students will still have pathways to University and TAFE.
- ❖ Currently the SACE board is developing a [COVID-19 readiness portal](#) for teachers, students and the community. Please view the communication letter from the SACE board on our Website or visit <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/covid-19-coronavirus>
- ❖ The Year 12 Coordinator is working with teachers, to ensure that students are not disadvantaged by the current disruptions. They are continually reviewing current approved Learning Assessment Plans for each subject area and will make modifications should the need arise.
- ❖ Year 12 students will be expected to attend all classes through the Microsoft Teams.
- ❖ The scheduled times for the holiday workshops timetable will remain as is. The workshop however, will now occur through Microsoft Teams and DayMap. Teachers will communicate with their students about the model that they will use to conduct these workshops.



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### 4. Contacting the College

Should you wish to contact the College in regard to your child's learning or their wellbeing, please email us via: [dl.0823.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0823.info@schools.sa.edu.au) or telephone on **8275 8300**, and ask to speak with;

Ms. Amanda Furness	Year 8 students
Mr. Peter Papageorgiou	Year 9 students
Ms. Desanka Arezina	Year 10 students
Mr. Rod Yon	Year 11 students
Mr. Angus Fisher	Year 12 students

I thank you for your patience, and support as we work through a number of processes. We want to ensure that students can access meaningful learning in these unprecedented times.

Please continue to view our website as we will provide updates in communication from the Department for Education, The SACE Board and our College.

Yours sincerely

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