



## Message from the Principal.....

Good afternoon and welcome to Term Two at Merredin College

The college is open for all parents and carers that choose to send their children. Survey data indicates that more than 50% of students will return tomorrow and I expect this number to increase week two. Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend. Students at school will be taught a face-to-face program following normal timetables as much as applicable.

If you have not yet done so, it would be muchly appreciated if you could please inform us of your intentions of your children's attendance for the beginning of the term. This will assist staff members with their class planning.

Parents who choose to keep their children at home will be able to access the resources teachers developed at the end of Term 1 which will provide learning activities for the first 2 weeks of the term. All work packs will need to be collected from the main office on Woolgar Avenue.

Teachers prime focus will be on face to face learning in the classroom at this time but they will contact families who choose to keep their child home at least once each week to check in with how their home learning is going. Parents or carers will be responsible for the day to day delivery and supervision of home learning. Teachers will assess all work submitted and provide students with feedback weekly.

All schools across the state are having restricted access to adults to ensure social distancing. Primary parents are requested to drop students at the bottom of the 'Kiss and Drop' ramp in the morning and staff will ensure children get to classes safely. We would prefer parents use the car park as a drive through 'Kiss and Drop' route but understand that some children may still need to be released from car seats. The parent car park will not be available for parking but standing only to drop off students. Parents with Special Educational Needs students can utilise the disabled bays to drop off students.

Students who arrive late to school will need to sign in through the main office on Woolgar Avenue and will be directed or escorted to the primary part of the campus. Parents who need to collect students during the day will also have to register at the main office and students will be sent up for pick up. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but these changes are based on advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

Please note regional bus services will be available from Wednesday 29 April. Students should continue to follow recommended hygiene practices, while the PTA will also continue with its enhanced daily cleaning regime. The college will also have two cleaners working between 9am – 3pm increasing the frequency of cleaning high touch surfaces including play equipment.

Our residential college remains closed for the foreseeable future. Students will not be disadvantaged due to the Health advice that they remain shut. The college will work on a case by case basis with families and students to determine the most appropriate plan for these students.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back tomorrow.

## WORK PACKAGES

Should you be making the choice to keep your child at home a hardcopy work package can be arranged by contacting the front office. A time will be organised for collection of packages from the main office. If you live outside of Merredin and are unable to collect the package we may be able to organise drop off by school bus otherwise it will be through the post. Please negotiate with office staff which best suit you when requesting the package. For Secondary students all work will be continued to be uploaded by teachers on Connect.

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## YEAR 11 AND 12 ATAR STUDENTS

Semester 1 Exams will be taking place this term starting Friday 22 May 2020 (Week 4) and concluding Thursday 28 May 2020 (Week 5). An exam timetable will be sent out to students this week.

## CANTEEN

The school canteen will be open this week however will only be offering a limited menu. It is recommended that lunch orders are placed first thing in the morning as there will not be a huge selection of fresh items for the time being.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform shop will be open again from next week as normal, Tuesdays 8.30am-1pm and Wednesdays 1-3pm.

## UNIFORM SHOP SPECIALS FOR TERM 2!!!

### **10% off**

Sport jackets  
Sport pants  
Rugby jumpers  
Boys trousers  
Girls bootleg pants

## ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

To view the virtual ANZAC Day Commemorative Service compiled by Ms Rebecca Celenza (TIC - HASS) please click on the link below:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/anzac20/>



## 'Learning Close to Home'

We are keen to see some of the fun learning which has been happening at home!

Maybe you have even completed some extra activities with your parents/carers. If you have a story to tell or some happy pictures we would love for you to send them in so we can share them with others either on our website, Facebook page or in the Phoenix.

## WEBSITES FOR 'AT HOME LEARNING'

### ORGIO EDUCATION (Primary)

[https://www.origoeducation.com.au/athome/?fbclid=IwAR3yM2E0ziY7hGZQzSzn-QL2gn-zYfH\\_yGsJMrXC8q6tes1UUc1YqkEMLsA](https://www.origoeducation.com.au/athome/?fbclid=IwAR3yM2E0ziY7hGZQzSzn-QL2gn-zYfH_yGsJMrXC8q6tes1UUc1YqkEMLsA)

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ONLINE

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

### MATHLETICS - all students should have their own logon already.

<https://login.mathletics.com/?ga=2.131736015.1769483014.1585196838-1543554450.1585196838>

### ABC EDUCATION

[ABC Early Education website](#)

