



# Marian College

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Dear Parents/Guardians

As you are aware schools are preparing for the possibility of a period of closure, due to coronavirus (COVID-19), and how to provide continuity in learning for students remotely should that eventuate. We trust that the *Protocols for Online/Remote Learning for Students and Families* have given you the information that you require to support your daughter in accessing the learning program from home. Preparing for a transition to remote operation is a significant undertaking and so the following changes to the way we operate next week have been made:

Date	Overview	Other key information
Monday 23 March	<b>All classes will operate on site as normal</b>	College to be notified of any student absence as per normal procedures.
Tuesday 24 March	<b>All classes will operate on site as normal</b>	College to be notified of any student absence as per normal procedures.
Wednesday 25 March	<b>Preparing for remote learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No classes operating on site, students to remain at home</li><li>- Scheduled VCE SACs will go ahead on site at the College</li></ul>	
Thursday 26 March	<b>Preparing for and trialing of remote learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No classes operating on site, students to remain at home and refer to the <i>Protocols for Online/Remote Learning for Students and Families</i>. Teachers will connect with students as per the Protocols.</li><li>- Scheduled VCE SACs will go ahead on site at the College</li></ul>	All students undertaking remote learning from home except those VCE students who have a SAC scheduled.
Friday 27 March	<b>Preparing for and trialing of remote learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No classes operating on site, students to remain at home and refer to the <i>Protocols for Online/Remote Learning for Students and Families</i>. Teachers will connect with students as per the Protocols.</li><li>- Scheduled VCE SACs will go ahead on site at the College</li></ul>	All students undertaking remote learning from home except those VCE students who have a SAC scheduled.

Please note that the College Office / Reception and our ICT Department will be operating as normal throughout the week.

You will know that the key platforms used by the College are Seqta and Google Drive which are both widely known by students and staff. In recent days, we have also introduced new applications and tools that support continual learning and these too have made available to students and staff. Please be aware that even though Marian College is highly proficient with Information Technology and Systems we are, like all schools, preparing for moving to this full online learning option for the first time and therefore may experience some issues. We ask for your patience during this time.

I wish to reassure our Year 11 and 12 VCE parents and students that our VCE Coordinator is in regular contact with the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) regarding SACs, examinations and course delivery requirements. As stated on the VCAA website: *"The VCE allows for considerable flexibility in delivery of learning and the administration of school-based assessments and the VCAA is assisting schools to identify suitable arrangements for their students' learning and assessment on a case-by-case basis. The VCAA aims to ensure that no student is disadvantaged and will support schools to give each student opportunity to complete the requirements of their VCE studies."*

The College will be open for students whose families are not able to arrange supervision and staff will be available to supervise students between the hours of 8.35am and 3.00pm. **Students who come to the school are required to come in school uniform and with their laptop.** If your daughter **will** require supervision at school on the Professional Learning Days, please advise the College on 9363 1711.

Please note that the scheduled term break will remain a term break for staff and students, with Term 2 commencing on Tuesday 14 April. I will communicate with parents, students and staff in the second week of the term break to confirm arrangements for the commencement of the term.

I commend the Marian College staff who are working tirelessly to prepare as best we can to provide continuity in learning and continued pastoral support should remote operation of the College needs to be enacted.

I am grateful for your continuing support and understanding during these unpredictable times. I will keep you abreast of any changes as circumstances unfold and once we receive updated advice from the CECV. Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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