

Communique for Parents: 27th March 2020

Dear Parents,

These are indeed challenging times as we grapple with an unprecedented situation and try to make decisions that are in the best interests of our students.

I provided information about the impact of Covid-19 on our school in the Term 2 newsletter, which was sent to you via SMS last week.

This communique provides a brief update on a rapidly changing situation.

I would like to draw the following points to your attention:

- We are all working very hard to provide quality learning for all our students, in a new environment; and to teach in a way that most of us have never taught before.
- While classes at some of our Teaching Centres have been cancelled; others are still continuing next week.
- Should there be a cancellation that affects your child, you will be contacted via SMS and your child will be advised via Edmodo. This notification has already occurred for classes that have been cancelled to date.
- As you may be aware by now, week 11 (6, 7, 8 and 9 April) has now been declared a student free week, and therefore no lessons will be provided. We will use this time to prepare for “online learning” to commence in Term 2. We appreciate your understanding at this time as we all embark on this new teaching and learning adventure together, in this new environment.
- In term 2, Edmodo will be the main vehicle through which we communicate with students (and parents). If you or your child are not yet signed up, please do so. Visit our website for Edmodo instructions and other information. Should you need to email the teacher directly (eg for the Edmodo code), you will find all our staff email contacts on our web page, in the Contact Us section.
- Teachers will advise, through Edmodo, of other platforms that they may be using to enhance interactivity in language learning.
- At this stage, there is an expectation that lessons will take place at the normal lesson time. However, students may not be required to be on line for the full length of the lesson, as self-directed activities will also be part of the learning. Teachers will advise, through the Weekly Teaching and Learning Plan that is posted weekly on Edmodo, what the arrangements will be for each weekly lesson.

I thank you immensely for your support. In the meantime, please look after yourselves and take care.

Lia Tedesco
Principal