



Principal's Update

3rd March 2022

Dear Parents,

In my Principal's Update to you on the 24th February I mentioned that we would be reviewing daily the ability of the College to remain open to all Year Levels 7 – 13. Our plan for this is below.

Today we have 22 teaching staff absent from school due to having Covid illness themselves or self- isolating due to positive cases in their household.

As a College we are struggling to provide enough Classroom relief for all of our classes because of the number of Staff absent, so we will reluctantly move to Step 2 of our plan which involves the rostering home of one Year level each day. This will allow all the other year levels to attend school and have a teacher in their class.

- **Tomorrow Friday 4th March, Year 13 students will remain at home and complete their learning off-site. Students will have work to complete.**
- **The College will be Open for all other Year levels 7 – 12 and it will be a full day.**

The Rostering at Home plan is below for next week Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March.

We will review our Staffing absences daily and will keep you informed if there will be any changes to your son's rostering home schedule.

Rostered Days to Learn from Home next week:

Monday 7 th March	Tuesday 8 th March	Wednesday 9 th March	Thursday 10 th March	Friday 11 th March
Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13

I acknowledge that this is not what we would prefer for our young men and their families, it is a plan which I feel will cause the least disruption to our community.

OUR PLAN:

- **Step 1**

will be to use existing External relief teachers and current staff to cover classes for Staff who are unwell or self isolating. Normal classes will run for all Year Levels 7-13. We are currently at Step 1 in the College.

- **Step 2**

will be that if the number of absent staff increases beyond a certain level, we will roster specific Year Levels to learn from home on a designated day of the week. If we do move to rostered off days, the students who are at school will complete a full day. We will move to Step 2 Friday 4th March.

- **Step 3**

will be to finish each College day at the end of Period 5 - **1.39pm** and all students will go home.

This will allow our Staff to prepare on-line work during Lunchtime and Period 6 and make contact with students who have to be at home self-isolating.

Thank you for your tolerance and co-operation with our plans as we all work through these challenging times.

God Bless

M.Hogarty

Principal