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Harrisdale

Learning from Home - Weeks 9 and 10

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Sent to families 29 March, 2020

Harrisdale Secondary

Dear Parents

On Thursday March 26, the Premier made some important announcements in regards to schools. In keeping with those directives, please note the following arrangements for Carey Harrisdale:

- From Monday, March 30 parents are encouraged to keep students at home and access the SEQTA learning resources we have made available.
- Parents who need students to attend school to enable employment and those involved in our community's essential services may attend school.
- On-site classes for students will run until Friday, April 3.
- **Week 10 has become an additional week of School Holidays. Staff will use this time to prepare for online learning programs that will be enhanced for the start of Term 2.**
- Arrangements will be in place to supervise students who need to attend the College in Week 10. If needed, please contact absentees@carey.wa.edu.au with the reason your student will need to attend.

Preparing for Term Two

In Week 9 we will be testing video conferencing platforms to optimize communication with students. It has been our experience that many families have limited bandwidth and have found video streaming to be difficult. To optimize this connection from your end [please follow this link](#).

Teachers will continue to direct the flow of work and communication with their classes. Many teachers will be responsible for more than 100 students a day. Teachers will not be able to answer every individual email or Direct Message. However, we do encourage students to contact teachers if they are confused about their task and cannot find the solutions within the instructions / information provided. Students should follow their current timetable as this will give them a daily structure and provide a balance of subject learning.

We will clarify expectations and protocols in regards to classroom video usage by the 9th of April in preparation for Term 2.

Year 11 and 12 Students

Teachers will prioritise the flow of work and feedback to senior students. In doing so, teachers will use the software mentioned above and amend teaching programs so that students can work productively on tasks suited to the online environment available to them. In the absence of traditional direct instruction in the classroom, students should expect to spend more time on reading, writing and research-based tasks, all of which can be done very productively from home. Students studying a Certificate qualification will continue with knowledge and application-based learning as prescribed by the RTO under the direction of their teacher through SEQTA. Practical application and skill development aspects of the qualification will be covered when classes resume.

Our goal over this period of time will be continuity, engagement and building resilience. Do not be anxious about the gaps that may occur in your child's learning. Staff will address these gaps when traditional classes recommence.

In Term 2 the College will continue to provide students with structured online learning through our existing SEQTA interface with managed video conferencing. In addition, teachers will set manageable tasks using [Education Perfect](#), [Mathspace](#), and [Google Classroom](#) to manage workflow, marking and feedback.

If you need help in accessing and navigating SEQTA, please read the [SEQTA Engage Manual for Secondary Parents](#).

Best wishes

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