



COVID-19 Update 6

Friday 27 March 2020

From the Principal – Mrs Sampson

We are all experiencing a great deal of disruption in our lives as a result of COVID-19. This will impact us in a number of ways, both immediately and for some time to come.

There is no doubt that some of our families will experience financial challenges, which may cause families to question their ongoing enrolment at the school. We believe that for their wellbeing, particularly at a complex time, it is important for our children to have stability in their lives. We have no desire for any student to have to leave Nowra Anglican College (NAC).

I want to reassure you that the School Council, as well as The Anglican Schools Corporation (TASC) will be considering various measures to assist families through this time. Understanding the financial impact of this COVID-19 crisis on our families and the school may take some time. Please be patient as we work through this complex and sensitive issue. Given the current instability of many normal elements of our lives, we ask our families to not make significant decisions that may have a long-term impact on your child's education.

If you have pressing financial concerns, please let us know on principal@nac.nsw.edu.au, or by calling me directly.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lorrae Sampson'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lorrae Sampson
Principal

Encouragement from our Captains

Hey NAC Community,

The last couple of weeks have brought some unsettling and uncomfortable changes to our College community, especially the transition to online learning. We understand that this time of change may bring some uncertainty that is challenging for people in a range of different ways.

However, we want to encourage you to embrace this time with a positive attitude. Use it as an opportunity to do things you normally wouldn't do; learn a new instrument, language or other skill that you've got an interest in, spend more time with your pets and family or maybe even go for a walk during your lunch break.

Don't forget to keep checking in with your friends and peers, as this will help you to maintain strong social and mental wellbeing. We also want to remind you that each of your teachers are always here to support you in whatever way they can, and are only an email or Zoom call away...

Keep those smiles on those dials :)

Best wishes,
Lily and Ben
School Captains



The Latest Information

Keep up-to-date at www.nac.nsw.edu.au/coronavirus

Roll Call Changes

The Anglican Schools Corporation has sent through updated advice on the way the roll will be marked at school and this will change the way absences are currently being recorded in the Parent Portal. The following roll marking process has commenced at the College:

1. **If the student is physically at school**, the student will be marked as **PRESENT**. No action required by parents/carers.
2. **If the student is connected online**, the student will be marked as **OTHER ACTIVITY** (this will automatically apply the relevant F code). You will no longer receive an absence



message via text or have to provide an absence reason through the NAC App or Parent Portal.

3. **If the student is not at school and not connected online**, the student will be marked as **ABSENT**. Notification will be sent to parents/carers as usual and a reason for absence will be required via the Parent Portal or App.

IT Helpdesk

As we are now operating in a remote online teaching and learning environment, we understand you may encounter challenges and require ICT support. We are here to help and would like to remind you of the options available to you.

Please send an email to helpdesk@sras.nsw.edu.au.

If the matter is urgent, call 02 4421 7711 between our office hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, and our Administration team will direct your enquiry to the most appropriate person. Please note that we are experiencing a high volume of enquiries, as a result, we have put on additional resources to handle the increased demand. This means you have a delay in response to your inquiry (average response time is currently eight business hours).

Canteen Closure

Due to the small number of children now attending the College on a daily basis, we have decided that running the canteen is no longer a viable option. Therefore from **Monday 30th March**, the College Canteen will be closed. Students will no longer be able to order lunches through Flexischools online. We look forward to being able to re-open the Canteen once social-isolating restrictions have been lifted.

Parental Permission – Remote Learning Photos and Videos

Our teachers are loving the communication they are receiving via photo and video from their students. Please keep them coming and encourage the teachers as they work hard to keep our students feel connected in this time of isolation.

The Community Relations team would like to be able to publish some of the material that is being sent in, so you can see what others are up to. Unfortunately, our normal annual photo and video permission form does not cover COVID-19 type situations and therefore **we need to ask for written permission from parents** to publish images and videos captured in remote learning environments.

Just a reminder that students are not to teleconference in their bedrooms.



Please email newsletter@nac.nsw.edu.au if you are happy for your child's video or photo to be used whilst remote learning. Photos and videos will be edited where possible to remove any identifying features from remote learning spaces.

Midford Uniform Shop

Midford has informed us that they **will be closing the uniform store until further notice**. The last day of trading will be today – Friday 27th March, 2020. The online store will still be open for business but orders will not be processed until our store re-opens. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause for our families. Second-hand uniforms are still available in Student Services if required.

From the Pastoral Care team

We know that our students are already feeling the effects of social isolation. Anxiety is high as there are so many unknowns and every day the rules keep changing. To help you manage your child's wellbeing our Pastoral Care Team has gathered together some targeted, practical resources for parents to access as support for their children around Covid-19. Some are websites with videos and practical tips. Others are YouTube videos by, and for, children. We hope that you find them useful.

[Supporting Families during COVID-19](#) (childmind.org)

[How to Calm your Child's Coronavirus Anxiety](#) (childrenscolorado.org)

YouTube videos about Covid-19 for children:

[OMG! My child asked about Coronavirus](#) (Lingo Kids)

[Answering Kids' Questions About the Coronavirus](#)