



9 April 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With Term 1 concluded, our campuses feel eerily quiet. There are however, many staff teams who continue to work through the school break in preparation for the term ahead.

We are prepared to deliver and support the AITC's *Learning From Home* (LFH) program in Term 2, should the need arise. In preparation for this monumental transition, education and industry staff have designed lessons, assignments, and resources that will be accessed online. We are busy testing the platform interfaces to ensure we deliver a worthy AITC experience, but we can share the following proposed program overview.

Our *Learning From Home* program for Term 2 aims to reflect and maintain the AITC's unique five week education block and a five week industry block model. Group 1 and Group 2 will remain for this reason.

Education Block

Years 11 and 12 young people must complete a 20-day program and Year 10s must complete a 22-day program, per block minimum. The decision to use systems or platforms that our young people and their families are familiar with was explicitly made to assist the transition to remote learning. These platforms are **Schoology for Education**, **TASS (Parent Lounge and Student Café)** and your campus Facebook page for communications.

We have developed a proposed timetable to structure your young person's day in education block. Helping your young person to organise their time to be actively engaged in learning is one of the most effective ways to reduce the anxiety they may be experiencing. Learning from home, without the face-to-face interaction with teachers and friends is a new and confronting experience, so providing structure and supervision creates a sense of normalcy and routine. Please see below for a draft timetable.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.00 - 8.30	PREPARATION Get dressed, get resources etc.				
8.30 - 9.00	DAY LAUNCH LogIn. Rol Cal. Notifications				
9.00 - 10.00	ENGLISH / LITERACY	MATHS / NUMERACY	IDMT / BUSINESS / SCIENCE	ENGLISH / LITERACY	MATHS / NUMERACY
10.00 - 10.30	BREAK Fresh Air / Screen-free time				
10.30 - 11.30	MATHS / NUMERACY	IDMT / BUSINESS / SCIENCE	ENGLISH / LITERACY	MATHS / NUMERACY	IDMT / BUSINESS / SCIENCE
11.30 - 12.30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12.30 - 1.30	IDMT / BUSINESS / SCIENCE	ENGLISH / LITERACY	MATHS / NUMERACY	IDMT / BUSINESS / SCIENCE	ENGLISH / LITERACY
1.30 - 2.00	TUTORIAL / S&F				
2.00 - 2.30	WISDOM	SITE MEETING	WELLBEING CONNECT	INDUSTRY CONNECT	CAMPUS LEADERSHIP CONNECT
2.30 - 3.00	DAILY FEEDBACK / TUTORIAL				



Industry Block

Your young person will be engaged in a range of industry-based experiences that enhance their learning and employability skills. Industry block depends on a number of factors such as your young person's year level, campus, TAFE training and whether they are signed up.

The AITC will provide industry training via two dynamic platforms: **The Careers Department**, which includes online profiling to build your young person's skills matrix, curriculum vitae development, virtual work experience, online chat with careers advisors, and completion of project work; and **GO1**, which provides young people access to over 170,000 resources from the world's top training providers, including Microsoft Office training, 21st Century skills development, and the renowned culture-building FISH! training.

In addition, the AITC Industry team is planning home-based and campus-based Industry Community Projects to enable young people to use and develop their technical skills and abilities.

For young people who are signed up, they may continue to attend their school-based apprenticeships, based on the individual advice from their employer.

TAFE

Contingent on campus and local TAFE arrangements, many young people will also continue the theory aspects of their industry training online through TAFE's online learning platform, **Connect**. Young people can expect to receive email and text communication from TAFE Queensland during the school break advising them of course delivery arrangements. TAFE at School students will be expected to study during their normal course hours, in industry block.

TAFE's Year 10 Trade Taster Program has been delayed and is now scheduled to start at the beginning of Term 3.

Learning Support

Learning support will continue in Term 2 through our Assistant Team Leaders.

Impact on Year 12 (Year 3)

The AITC remains in close communication with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) as to changes they are putting forward for Year 12 assessments for 2020.

In a communiqué dated 26 March, the QCAA removed one of the summative internal assessments for both General and Applied subjects to alleviate the pressure currently faced by senior students, teachers and school communities.

This means that final subject results in General subjects will be calculated from two internal assessments and one external assessment. In Essential English and Essential Mathematics, it will be two internal assessments and a common internal assessment developed by the QCAA.

The QCAA's subject experts will provide ongoing support to schools.



Their position for each subject was developed from three guiding principles:

- Students are currently under significant pressure to learn and achieve, and revisions to school assessment programs must be made with their best interests in mind.
- Equity in assessment must be maintained while also providing schools with flexibility to accommodate their unique circumstances, including the specific needs of individual students.
- Revisions to assessment programs must not compromise the integrity of senior certification and public confidence in the credentials issued to this year's senior students.

The AITC will continue to keep our families informed as and when decisions are made by the QCAA.

For your own reference, further information and updates are located at

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/coronavirus-updates/parent-and-student-faqs>

Privacy

The *Learning From Home* program may require filming of your young person in learning or during one-on-one sessions to enable the College to provide quality learning, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities. Any recordings will be treated as personal information (not made public) and stored on the AITC servers.

Wellbeing

In Term 2, our young people may be far away, but it is our aim to keep them closer than ever – and I know we will.

Your young person will likely miss being at school; a powerful testament about how meaningful the AITC experience is for our school community. These are trying times for each of us, but especially for our students. Personal Development Coaches can be contacted via email or campus reception.

Additional wellbeing resources and support for young people and parents are as follows:

- [Beyond Blue – Looking after your mental health during COVID-19](#)
- [Family & Child Connect](#)
- [Queensland Government - Coronavirus FAQs for Parents](#)
- [Learning From Home Tips](#)
- [Office of the eSafety Commissioner - Online Safety Kit for Parents & Carers](#)

Home/School Partnership

COVID-19 has had a limited impact on young people; however, the psychological impacts are compelling. We have done our best to address the academic, as well as the social and emotional needs of your young person. Your partnership during these extraordinary times is critical.

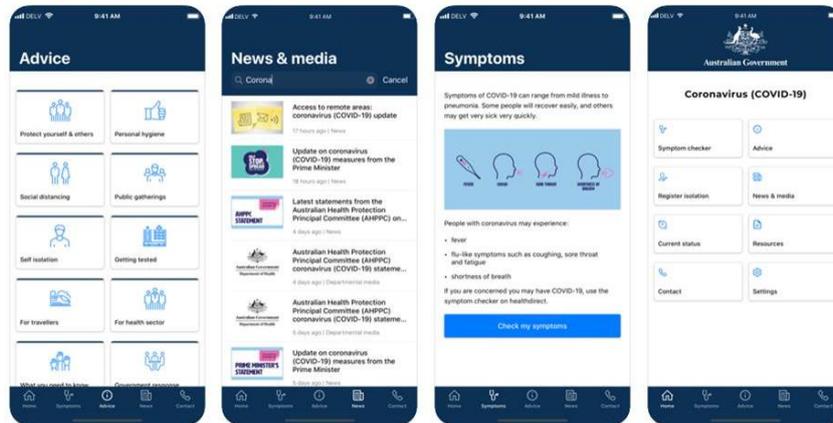
We have developed some [expectations for young people](#), in the context of our *Learning From Home* program. We encourage you to read these with your young person, to ensure your household has an understanding of the role we all have to play in making this program a success.



Stay Informed

The College Executive and Campus Leadership teams are meeting regularly during the school break and will advise families of any government decisions regarding schooling. At this stage, we are preparing to maintain the current arrangements until advised otherwise. If we are advised that all staff need to work from home, we are ready to maintain full service.

In addition to the [AITC Coronavirus Response web page](#), we encourage you to stay up to date with official information and advice via the [Australian Government Coronavirus app](#). You can check your symptoms and get notified when urgent information and updates are published.



Thank you to the members of our community who have come together to help action these changes so that young people, staff and industry can continue to engage in learning and work. I can assure you that the AITC will continue to provide an excellent, if never before experienced, teaching and learning strategy. Together, we will continue to do great things.

As we enter the Easter long weekend, perhaps there is a silver lining to the difficulties our world is experiencing. We have an unprecedented opportunity to spend time with our families, to listen, laugh and still our impatience, and use this isolation to revel in those we care most about.

Yours sincerely,

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