



6 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Queensland Premier announced over the long weekend that there will be a staged return for state school students. The Australian Industry Trade College is mobilising a plan for our young people and currently considering what this means in relation to our unique industry education model. We will adopt a staggered return and can advise the following:

**Group 2 – Education Block (20 April to 22 May)**

- Year 11 – Return to campus learning on Monday 11 May
- Year 12 – Return to campus learning on Wednesday 13 May
- Year 10 – TBC (potentially continue with the Learning From Home program, but more detail regarding work experience will be released shortly).

Safety is always our first thought. Minimising the potential for virus transmission will continue to be of utmost importance and we ask for your cooperation regarding the precautions that will be in place at the College.

**Group 1 – Industry Block**

Young people currently in Industry Block should continue with the Learning From Home program in the immediate future.

The College is undertaking a pulse check with our current employers to gain insight into the impact the current environment has had on them and their capacity to participate in providing work experience (WEX) to our young people going forward. We are also in contact with TAFE.

More information will be shared with you once we have gathered information from all stakeholders.

**Friday 22 May – Student Free Day**

Friday 22 May will be a Student Free Day to allow College staff time to prepare for the changeover to on-campus teaching for all young people. No formal lessons or learning from home will be required on this day.

**Group 1 – Education Block**

Campus learning for all year levels on Monday 25 May, 2020.

If you are unsure which group your young person is in, please reach out to your campus.

We will provide more detail in the first instance, tomorrow afternoon so please email and the campus Facebook page regularly.

As a school by industry, for industry, the AITC wishes to ensure we make decisions that are informed by our community. We ask all parents/carers to participate in a [short survey](#) to learn how our parent community feels about their young person returning to campus learning and work experience (like Term 1). Please complete this survey **before COB Thursday 7 May**.



COVID-19 has brought a level of complexity and change to the world that we have not seen but we remain committed to your young person and their journey to industry. The AITC is showing no signs of slowing down. In March alone, the AITC signed 27 young people into apprenticeships, within 14 different industries.

We have developed an exceptional Learning From Home Industry program, investing in the GO1 platform to continue developing your young person's employability. We encourage you to watch the various insightful video interviews with employers and industry partners from a wealth of different industries, with your young person. These interviews together with feedback from WEX, has been used to scaffold the Learning From Home program around employability metrics (what they want in an employable young person). These include:

- Timekeeping - Being punctual.
- Appearance - Properly attired for the work context.
- Attitude - The manner, disposition and emotions in which the work is approached.
- Conduct - Behaviour demonstrated in a place of work.
- Self-Management Skills - Taking responsibility for one's behaviour and wellbeing.
- Interpersonal Skills - Building relationships with others, both teammates and, where relevant, customers or service users.
- Communication - Demonstration to communicate effectively in the workplace.
- Teamwork - Ability to work collaboratively.
- Motivation - A measure of drive.
- Initiative - To act or take charge (where appropriate) without the need for constant guidance or direction.

Extreme pressure provides the best version of ourselves and your young person's best version has certainly come to the fore under these extraordinary circumstances.

To our Year 12 families, the AITC will continue to work with your young person, post-graduation, to achieve an employment outcome. This is not unusual for us – we've always gone above and beyond. In fact in 2019 we had 43 young people signed into apprenticeships or traineeships post-graduation to the end of January, 2020.

The AITC will always be ready for employment opportunities as they present themselves. We ask that you work with us to continue to develop your young person's employability, right through the year, regardless of the learning method, in preparation for their journey to industry.

Yours sincerely,

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