**COVID-19 and Lake Tuggeranong College**

**Academic Advice & Support**

24th March 2020

Dear students and families,

**Summary:**

We are currently operating in a pupil-free school, BUT our teachers are still posting work online via Google Classrooms to keep the learning going!

In this phase (i.e. from today through to Thursday 9th April – the last day of Term 1, 2020) LTC students should check in with their Google Classroom each day to receive instructions from teachers about **reduced but helpful class work**.

With the declaration that learning in the ACT is to move ‘online’, Lake Tuggeranong College is committed to ensuring that no student is disadvantaged by national and world events beyond their control. Our priority is the continuing education of our young people because we know that life-long learning and the ability to make considered and thoughtful decisions is intrinsic to living a meaningful life.

We are also keenly aware of the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) requirements for the award of certificates at the end of year 12. We will continue to work in ways that ensure students can be assured of experiencing rigorous and high-quality lessons from Lake Tuggeranong College teachers. Our goal is that our students qualify for their chosen certificate at the end of the year regardless of national and global disruption.

**To these ends, we have asked that all staff provide clear directions to students for each lesson via their Google Classroom page. Students are required to check their Google Classrooms throughout each day for instructions including requirements for completion.**

Each teacher will be tracking students’ participation and students will be expected to complete all work set. BSSS policy stipulates that if participation in set classwork falls below 90% of the equivalent face-to-face hours then that student may not be awarded points for that unit. Most teachers previously have focussed only on the attendance aspect of this policy so tracking participation is new for all of us.

To help support students we will ensure that each student has a parental contact email associated with their Google Classroom accounts. This means that families can be alerted to any work not completed within the time allowed. Our teachers will follow up with you in cases of incomplete work that may result in a V grade.

Many students have assessment upcoming. **Many assessments are going ahead** as planned but some cannot. Students will receive information about any changes to assessment via their classroom teachers in the Google Classroom space – another powerful reason to get your son/daughter to check in each day. Where assessment needs to be varied, it is a BSSS requirement that students be alerted via a revised unit outline. This will be a school priority this week so that students can be assured of meeting their assessment requirements.

Student capability, wellbeing and resilience remain the strong focus of our College Life team. We are currently working on a student and family guide to working remotely that should be available within the week. In the meantime, and always, contact our College Life team directly for all wellbeing concerns. This email will also contain a wellbeing communique.

**Forecasting Term 2 arrangements**

LTC intends being in a position to run all classes online as of Tuesday 28th April 2020.

By Thursday 9th April, all students and families will receive a Guide to LTC Online Learning. It will contain a timetable structure clearly showing how and when students and families can access their teachers, as well as a comprehensive set of instructions for learning.

It will contain a link to updated Unit Outlines, clearly showing assessment requirements.

Our default learning platform will be Google Classroom.

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