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Parent Guide to Learning in Term 2, 2020

Defining a model for Term 2

Term 1, 2020 has brought with it unprecedented uncertainty and change, as the whole world grapples with the devastation and risk caused by COVID 19. All sectors of society and every community has been affected in different ways, and the role of education, both to foster ongoing learning, and mental/social health in young people, has been crucial. As we move into Term 2, and respond to the advice of government, the Chief Medical Officer, the Department of Education WA and the Department of Health, Fremantle College will continue to strive for a balanced and considered approach to education for its students in Term 2. Balancing the academic needs of our students with their mental health and wellbeing, and the needs of our staff who are working tirelessly to support our 1200 students, we ask that parents continue to work with us, by engaging in positive and constructive dialogue about our approach to the pandemic crisis together.

Education at Fremantle College will take the form of:

- **Face to Face teaching of all students who attend, in their normally scheduled classes.** These classes will not be collapsed and it is our intent that teachers will maintain the strong individual relationship they have with their own students, as a conduit for ongoing academic achievement. This is where the best learning can occur.
- Students are **actively encouraged to attend, in particular if they are in Year 11 and 12.** Parents may choose not to send their child to school as per Minister's statements. We encourage all families to assess their own health circumstances and level of risk, as per COVID-19, in determining whether or not to attend school.

If you choose for your child to learn from home, this will take the form of:

- Activities provided on a weekly basis through **Connect**, either by the individual teacher or as part of a year group page. This will be meaningful work and reflect the course outline/timing, however not be in the same detail that a child would receive face to face. The work may include some of the learning activities found at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home> website.
- A member of staff in the learning area, or a Student Services support staff member, will ensure they **monitor and support your child by phone and email each week**, to troubleshoot any issues they might have, or refer them to the teacher for additional support.
- Some students might require a **Hard Copy package** to be provided and this will be picked up/dropped off by parents on a fortnightly basis.
- There are some **student support resources** in our webpage, **Learning in Term 2 at Fremantle College** at www.fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/ that might assist parents in facilitating their child's learning at home. These are listed at the end of this document.

Assessments

Fremantle College is committed to providing a clear and stable outline of assessment in Term 2 and beyond, with expectations of students remaining fair and consistent. Our Assessment Policy allows for flexibility and recognition of extenuating factors (including those specifically affected by pandemics). It is the reason we refrained from formal assessment in Term 1. However, as part of this fair and consistent approach, and return to face to face education in Term 2, it is expected that students do engage in the formal assessment program of their course. Students may be awarded 0 for an assessment if they do not complete/submit the assessment.

Parents will be asked to oversee some assessment as part of the Learning at Home process. Even if your child is learning at home, all Year 11 and 12 ATAR students are **expected to attend school face to face to conduct assessments** with the group. If this is not possible, they are expected to live stream the assessment through Webex. This validates assessments and ensures that the group can work towards Semester 1 and 2, and ATAR exams face to face.

Year 11 and 12 students

ATAR students - Examinations in Semester 1 have been pushed back one week and will take place from **Wednesday 10 June to Friday 19 June**. Semester 2 content (Unit 2), and Semester 1 exam feedback will commence on Monday 22 June, regular attendance is crucial in Week 9 and 10.

General students - General students are required to attend throughout this examination period (Wednesday 10 June to Friday 19 June) unless they have been signed off by their Pathway teacher as being up to date on all courses. If they are given exemption for this week, they will then return on Monday 22 June.

Year 10 students

Year 10 students who are studying in an ATAR pathway have planned examinations on Monday 8 June and Tuesday 9 June. These are under review and will be communicated to parents by Week 3.

Student Reports Semester 1 2020

Fremantle College will be issuing student reports using the standard reporting template in the following weeks:

Year 7-10 reports: end of Week 10
Year 11-12 reports: beginning of Week 2, Term 3.

Providing additional assurances at Fremantle College in Term 2:

- **Physical distancing** and **hand sanitisation** measures will be in place for students and staff and all measures possible will be taken to ensure staff and student wellbeing. This includes increased provision of hand washing and ongoing awareness of space and protocols around hygiene.
- **Cafe service is take away only** and has an adjusted flow of students acceptable, meaning greater physical distancing is created.
- Students are encouraged and expected to move into their **separate, large outdoor areas** during break times, to ensure a greater spread of students around the campus.
- **Additional cleaners** as well as more specifically focussed cleaning has commenced in Week 9 and will continue with additional resources in this area. Frequent washing and sterilisation of high traffic areas will occur, including handles, railings, keyboards and toilets.
- All other large staff gatherings such as meetings, assemblies and the like have been cancelled and are being held virtually or in smaller Learning Areas.
- All camps, excursions, assemblies and large student gatherings will **remain postponed**.

Attendance:

- In accordance with the Director General's instructions for Term 2:
- All public schools will remain open.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children to school.
- If you choose to keep your child home to learn at home, you will need to email the school to let us know on fremantle.college.absentees@education.wa.edu.au and we will input the relevant approved attendance code.
- If your child is sick and not able to engage in their education either face to face OR learning at home, you will need to SMS or call 0438460089 to explain this valid absence with the reason. This particularly includes longer periods of illness if your family is affected by COVID19.

- If your child is unable to engage in their education either face to face OR learning at home, due to another valid reason ie appt, cultural etc, you will need to SMS or call 0438460089 to explain this valid absence with the reason.
- All students who do not attend face to face will receive a daily SMS to ensure whether they are **absent with cause** or **learning from home**. Please **respond with the reason for your child's absence** that day and they will be marked with the appropriate attendance code.
- If your child is learning from home, parents may be required to provide some simple feedback as to the level of engagement and work task attention over the week.

Student Resources:

To support your child, you can find the following resources on the website:

- Weekly Planner
- Videos
- Connect instructions: Step by Step