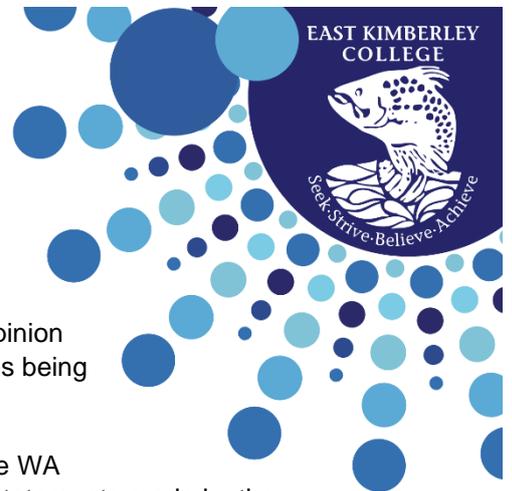


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Please note, if something is not explicitly outlined in a weekly update you can safely assume it will proceed or can continue. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to ask, directing all questions to the Executive Team. While personal opinion is divided, you are sincerely thanked for the respect being shown to the directives being issued by the Department of Education and subsequently actioned by EKC.

A friendly reminder that the source of truth for the Department of Education is the WA Department of Health, therefore, caution should be exercised when listening to statements made by the Premier and PM.

Hand Sanitiser

Our long-awaited order of hand sanitiser is here. We have managed to deliver supplies to the majority of Primary and almost all Secondary areas. This will be completed in the coming day.

With regards to the school making its own sanitiser, this was put on hold because we could not source any supplies of ethanol. However, through various contacts this project is back on the go! Stay tuned for some exciting news from our Science Department.

COVID-19 Curriculum Continuity via Distance Education

At East Kimberley College we are confidently advancing towards the implementation of a Distance Education model for the continuity of curriculum for all EKC students during Term 2. The online platform of choice used to assist in this model of curriculum delivery will be WebEx. All staff have had individual WebEx accounts set-up and staff will be introduced to these accounts during a Staff Meeting tomorrow.

This model will include a combination of face-to-face and on-line learning for the students of essential service workers who will be attending school, WebEx for students who have technology and internet access at home, and work packages for those at home with no access to technology or internet.



At tomorrow afternoon's Staff Meeting, a comprehensive overview of "how we will do business" via this Distance Education model will be presented, and this overview will also be distributed to you as parents.

There will be an expectation that only students of essential service workers attend school during Term 2 and as such students of non-essential service workers who arrive at school will have their families contacted and arrangements made to have the student(s) collected or escorted home.

A comprehensive family survey has today been posted on Facebook, our College website and also emailed to parents who

who have provided the College with an up to date email address, requesting information regarding your access to technology at home. This survey will assist the College with the planning of the Distance Education Model and we sincerely thank you for prioritising its completion.

As communicated in our last update, the Learning at Home website is available to parents who have elected to have their students remain at home at present.

Secondary School update

A freeze on all Secondary assessments will remain until the end of term. SCSA will be providing an update early this week which will provide schools with information pertaining to Term 2 assessment procedures, Externally Set Tasks, summative and formative assessments, moderation and exams.



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Secondary School update (cont'd ...)

In response to the current situation with COVID-19, the Minister for Training and Workforce Development has advised that face-to-face training at TAFE should be paused. This will enable them to develop distance learning resources to facilitate training from afar, whilst also reducing any potential transmission risk across the TAFE sector. We will keep you posted on how this is progressing.

Week 10 Supervision arrangements

Arrangements are being made this week to timetable supervision of students attending during Week 10 and will be based in the first instance on the student numbers attending this week. At present this stands at 135.

The plans for the week will be shared once finalised.

Your continued support of our endeavours as a College is greatly appreciated, and we hope our clear direction in relation to “how we will do business” during Term 2 provides you with some clarity and comfort. As previously communicated, more comprehensive information will be provided about our Distance Education model in the coming days, via a PowerPoint presentation.

As we collaboratively embark upon our new normal via a distance education approach, I ask you to consider this quote;

“All progress takes place outside the comfort zone”.

Kate Wilson
Principal



Don't be scared. Be prepared.
Covid-19

**Cough and sneeze?
Elbow, please!
Let's be fab
and do the dab**

Stay home when sick
Don't burst a sick-day bubble
Cover your mouth when you cough
Wash your hands (rub for 20 seconds!)
Just for now, no shaking hands or high 5's

