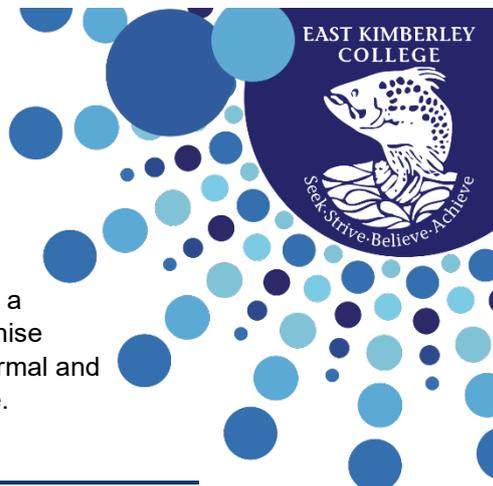


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We are certain you appreciate how difficult it has been to transition the College's existing teaching and learning environment to one of multi-modal delivery in such a short period of time and thank you most sincerely for your support. We too recognise and appreciate how difficult it will be for many of you to transition into our new normal and we hope our final update for the term will greatly assist you do so with confidence.

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, and want to make it as easy as possible for you to access our online platforms. Please access the following links to WebEx, Connect and our YouTube Channel.



[Connect link](#)



[WebEx link](#)



[YouTube link](#)

In addition to this please follow the links to "how to guides" to access WebEx and Connect.

[WebEx Quick Guide](#)

[WebEx and Connect for Parents](#)

Timetables

In order to assist you to begin planning for Distance Education from the beginning of Term 2, please see below the links to our Primary and Secondary WebEx schedules.

[Link to Primary](#)

[Link to Secondary](#)

Secondary Year Coordinators will be forwarding resources via email this week including, suggested Daily Study Schedules for students participating in the 'Online' or 'Offline' mode of learning.

Primary Teachers will be forwarding resources via email early in Week 1 of Term 2, including year group specific suggested Daily Study Schedules for students participating in the "Online" or "Offline" mode of learning.

[Link to Primary Sample Weekly Timetable](#)

PEAC students will continue to access the PEAC program via a combination of WebEx, Online and Offline lessons. Please see the Primary WebEx timetable for the allocated online session. Further information and suggested Study Schedules will be available in Term 2 Week 1.



FAQs

As we navigate this new territory we are *"building the plane as we are flying it"* and we sincerely appreciate your patience and continued support. We recognise you will have questions and hope you will have those questions answered by referring to our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).



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Distance Education Online Policy

As we commence the implementation of our Distance Education model, East Kimberley College students will be provided with curriculum continuity, the opportunity to develop their independent learning skills, and embrace technology as a tool for learning, collaboration and communication. Our Distance Education model will involve a combination of independent and teacher-directed learning on a daily basis and high standards of behaviour will continue to be expected.

[The Distance Education Online Policy can be accessed here.](#)

We thank families in anticipation for their ongoing support as we work in partnership to ensure we maintain curriculum continuity, student engagement, and appropriate student behaviour and conduct as we transition into an online learning platform via our Distance Education model here at East Kimberley College.



Mental Health and Well-being

We recognise the ongoing spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) may be causing anxiety, stress and uncertainty for our students and as such we offer you some ways you can assist your children to cope with COVID-19 anxiety. Please [click here](#) for the link.

The Commencement of Term 2

In order to ensure East Kimberley College staff are prepared to commence the delivery of a Distance Education model from the beginning of Term 2, there will be a School Development Day for all staff on Tuesday 28 April. The beginning of Term 2 for students will therefore be Wednesday 29 April.

The Commencement of Term for “Onsite” Students

All students attending “Onsite” for Term 2 will be required to attend the respective Office area (the main reception area for Primary students, and Student Services for secondary students) on the first day of Term 2 to be directed to their relevant work areas.

Student Work Packs

Procedures for the collection and return of student work packs will be communicated to families early in Week 1 of Term 2 (Offline learners and Online learners requiring hard copies).

School Canteen

The school canteen will remain closed during Term 2, and until further notice.

School Bus Service

Bus Contractors will contact families directly if there are any changes to the service for Term 2.

Follow the Dream

The Follow the Dream staff have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure we continue to support our students throughout the Distance Learning program. This week we will continue to produce high quality extension tasks to ensure we value add to our students learning from home and support the direction of our school and teachers. I am also very pleased to inform you that tuition will continue next term and will be taking place on WebEx or via phone if required so please continue to encourage the participation of your sons and daughters.



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Follow the Dream – Follow the Dream Coordinator Timothy Bucknell (cont'd)

Is there any work our children can do now? Currently we have a huge amount of curriculum support documents available on Connect so I encourage all students and parents to have a look at the library section of our Connect page. In addition, I have been delivering our first round of work packages to families who request them. If you would like some tasks, then please don't hesitate to call or email me.

What support will be available next term? Next term our tutors and I are really keen to continue tuition and have been working hard to prepare for high quality online tuition. Sessions can be individual or in a group and will be arranged on an as-needs basis for each individual student. If parents/guardians/students would like to join in on our sessions, then please make contact with myself and I will begin to arrange a tuition timetable to begin Week 2 next term. Most importantly, if you or your family need any support in learning from home then please contact me and we can make arrangements to best suit you and your family.

I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and restful break and look forward to the exciting and unique term ahead!



Girls Academy

The Girls Academy would like to take this opportunity to update you on the changes that our Academy has made that will enable us to support your family during this time.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Academy staff will continue to link with the girls via electronic means to monitor their well-being and Academy progress. Contact will be undertaken multiple times a week and staff will use a range of tools to record and monitor student contacts.

Where possible we will work to bring groups of students together via online tools. This will be important to keep connection with students and for students to remain connected with each other.

Connect

The Academy now has a Connect page which the girls can access via the link below. <https://login.det.wa.edu.au/>

We will continue to upload weekly challenges, Academy tasks and general information relating to the Girls Academy Program Areas. There will also be links and documents relating to post school transition such as driver's licence, birth certificate, TFN and Medicare applications, Resume and cover letter templates and examples.

If your daughter is having trouble logging in, please call us at the College on 9168 4400 and we will assist. If your family does not have access to internet or devices, Academy staff will deliver hard copies to you.

Facebook

We now have a Kununurra Girls Academy Facebook Group. The only members will be Academy staff and students at this stage. This will act as a Virtual Academy room where the girls feel safe, connected and supported. The settings in this group are extremely private and safe. We can assure you that your daughter's privacy and safety are our utmost priority.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Facebook group, we encourage you to reach out to us.

Care Packages

Girls Academy are also working with our corporate sponsors to provide care packages of food and essential supplies to those girls and families in most need. If you feel that your family is struggling to acquire food or essential items, please give us a call to discuss.

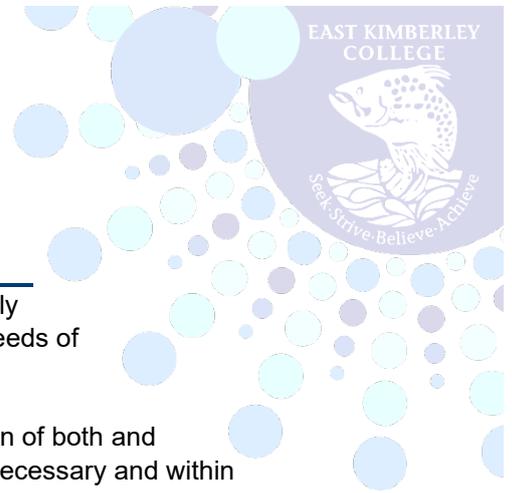
We thank you for your ongoing support and patience and look forward to working with and supporting your family in the future.



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North Regional TAFE Update

North Regional TAFE aims to re-commence training in Term 2. They are currently developing a range of distance learning options that will be used based on the needs of our students and the nature of the training program.

These options may include online or correspondence workbooks or a combination of both and possible opportunities for practical work and assessment later in the term or as necessary and within COVID-19 guidelines.

North Regional TAFE will work with each School to ensure effective communication with students and access to learning materials.

Principal's Words

On behalf of all East Kimberley College staff I express my sincere gratitude for your continued support of our endeavours as a College as we have navigated the new normal and provided direction in relation to "how we will do business" during Term 2.

In the end it will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it will be quite apparent if we under reacted or did too little. As a College, we have remained committed to making honourable decisions every day as we navigate this ever-changing landscape and will continue to do so during Term 2.

We are all in this together and must support each other to adapt to the new normal. Our individual mindsets will play a key role in achieving this.

"When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where the power is."

We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 29 April, as they commence their engagement in their chosen mode of learning, Onsite, Online or Offline.

Have a safe and happy Easter!

Kate Wilson
Principal

