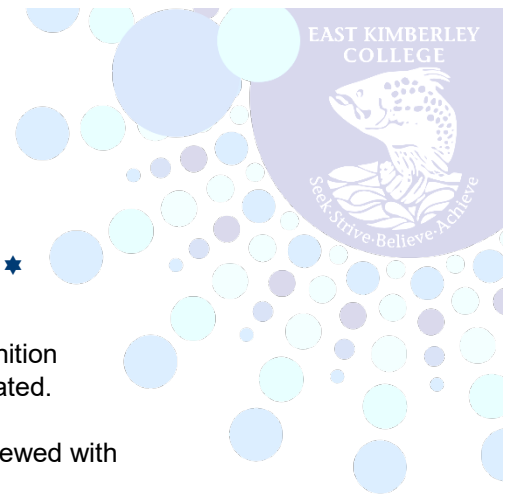


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Schools are Safe and Open for Learning

As we accommodate the ever-changing landscape placed before us, your recognition of the magnitude of change required with each announcement is greatly appreciated.

In line with the latest Health advice current Term 2 arrangements have been reviewed with the following information effective from Week 4, Monday 18 May 2020.

Week 4 at East Kimberley College

From Monday 18 May, it is compulsory for all students to attend school, except those medically referred to learn from home or those who are unwell.

- This means students are either:
 - at school;
 - have a medical referral to learn from home;
 - recorded as absent if they do not attend; or
 - sick and should stay home.
- If a student does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.
- Students with medical conditions who are not able to attend school will be supported to learn from home.
 - Additional assistance will be provided to schools through the *School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health* to support the learning needs of these students.
- A targeted re-engagement model has been developed to assist the East Kimberley College to re-engage students not attending school.

Students with Medical Conditions



Parents and carers of students with a medical condition, or a family member/carer in their home with medical condition, should seek medical advice.

Medical referral process

- If the advice is that their child should not attend school, the parent/carer should notify the school and provide the school with medical evidence.
 - Where a student/parent or carer's pre-existing medical condition is already known to the school, no medical evidence is required.
 - The school will complete a brief medical referral form in consultation with the family and send to SSEN Medical and Mental Health.
- The student's school will continue to provide support to the student while the medical referral is progressed.
 - The student will not be marked as absent during this period.
 - SSEN Medical and Mental Health will make contact with the College to determine the best way to support the student's learning from home.
 - This support may include assistance for school-based distance learning, utilisation of the Connected Learning Hub, priority access to SIDE and/or direct support from the teachers at SSEN Medical and Mental Health.

Health and Hygiene

The College has been provided with additional funding to enable extra cleaning to be undertaken and also to purchase additional cleaning products. The College continues to ensure the extra cleaning needs which were required at the start of Term 2, are maintained.



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Health and Hygiene (cont'd ...)

Students are continued to be strongly encouraged to bring their own stationery, school bags and water bottles to school to avoid the use of shared equipment.

School Activities

- The canteen will continue to provide takeaway service.
- Until further notice classes won't be accessing the Library and the Department of Education is seeking advice regarding student access. **Follow the Dream** tuition will continue in the Library Classrooms. To ensure appropriate distancing from the public, students will be directed to use college amenities.



- Interschool activities and camps are still suspended.
- We have been advised that only incursions for senior school students for the purpose of course completion can occur and may not exceed 20 people in total, with supervisors/staff maintaining social distancing.
- We have been advised that only excursions for senior school students can occur and may not exceed 20 people in total, with supervisors/staff maintaining social distancing.
- Before and after school activities can proceed with limited numbers. Any changes to these activities will be communicated by Activity Coordinators.
- We have been advised the Work Place Learning Program has been suspended.

- Assemblies and other school community events continue to be suspended.
- High School Year Group Form and Friday Academies Form will be suspended.
- P&C, School Board/Council and staff meetings can resume for up to 20 people.
- Pre-arranged parent/carer meetings with staff for the purposes of enrolment, case conference, student behaviour and engagement, medical reasons or other emergencies can proceed.
- Visitors to the College will only be approved for essential health, wellbeing, case management and maintenance providers, and the College will assure adherence to social distancing and cleaning requirements.

Vocational Education and Training

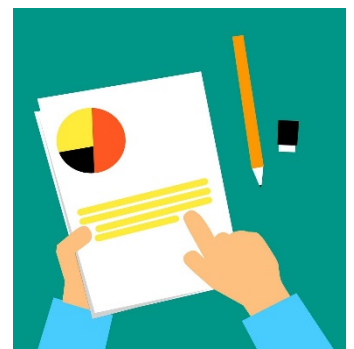
- School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships will continue to be supported.
- TAFE courses have recommenced with a face-to face delivery mode.
- We have been advised the Work Place Learning Program has been suspended.

Semester One Reporting Requirements

At East Kimberley College the following reporting requirements will be implemented:

Kindy – Year 9 reporting will consist of a comment and an ABE scale (Attitude/Behaviour/Effort) for each learning area. Students will **not** be allocated a grade (A-E).

Year 10-12 reporting will consist of a general comment for each course **and** a grade will be allocated. In addition, an ABE scale (Attitude / Behaviour / Effort) will be provided for each course.



Restricted Parent Access to College Grounds

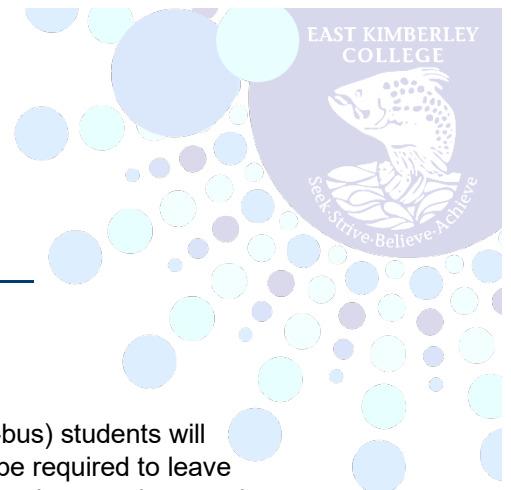
Secondary students will continue to enter and leave the school independently at the start and end of the day, and we will continue with the drop off and pick up procedures embedded from the Start of Term 2.



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Restricted Parent Access to College Grounds (cont'd ...)

Primary Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

At the beginning of the day – DROP-OFF

Mango Block gate Kindy and Pre-Primary: All Kindy and Pre-Primary (non-bus) students will be required to use this gate to enter the College grounds. Parents/carers will be required to leave their children with an Education Assistant who will be on hand to receive the students and escort them to their class at 7.45am. Please note: the gates will be locked until 7.45am and re-locked at 8.00am. Students arriving at the Coolibah gate after 8.00am will need to enter through the Admin gate on Mangaloo Street.

Main Coolibah Drive Gate Year 1 – Year 6: Students from Years 1-6 can use this gate to access the College grounds. Year 1 and Year 2 students will be supervised at the gate and escorted to class where required at 7.45am. The gate will be unlocked at 7.45am.

Main Gate on Mangaloo Street Year 1 – Year 6 and Bus Travellers: All bus travellers and students from Year 1-6 can use this gate to access the College grounds. Staff will be on hand to escort young students to class where required.

At the end of the day – PICK-UP

Mango Block gate Kindy and Pre Primary: All Kindy and Pre-Primary (non-bus) students will be escorted to this gate and handed over to parents/carers as they arrive at the gate (parents/carers are asked to maintain social distancing from each other while waiting for their children).

Main Coolibah Drive Gate Year 1 – Year 6: Students from Years 1-6 can use this gate to leave the College at the end of the day. Year 1 and Year 2 students will be supervised by class staff until parents/carers arrive for pick up (parents/carers are asked to maintain social distancing from each other while waiting for their children).

Main Gate on Mangaloo Street Year 1 – Year 6 and Bus Travellers: All bus travellers and students from Year 1-6 can use this gate to leave the College at the end of the day. ECE bus travellers will be escorted to the gate and supervised until they are ready to board the bus (as is the usual process). Year 1 and Year 2 students will be supervised at the gate until parents arrive.

Parents are encouraged to avoid picking up students from the Mangaloo Street gate due to bus congestion.

Principal's Words

As you may be aware, the Prime Minister and Premier have made further statements yesterday. The Department of Education is providing information and support to assist schools.

With no reported cases of COVID-19 in Kununurra for almost six weeks and no active cases currently in the Kimberley, we expect student numbers to progressively increase over the next few weeks.

The commencement of Term 2 was relatively seamless which is a credit to the College's clear communication processes, parental and student support, and the commitment of staff to ensure a smooth return to school.

We are looking forward to welcoming more students back on Monday with high expectations, and continue to be a school of choice, empowering students to succeed.

Bronwyn Wright
Principal

