

27 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful and relaxing school holiday filled with plenty of quality family time during these pressing days and after three weeks of the remote learning experience at the end of Term 1. As you may recall, we conducted the Family Check-in surveys for our school community before the break which was followed by a productive evaluation meeting with both Primary and High School leaders in curriculum and school managements.

Following on from these evaluations and given the recent government officials' announcements regarding a return to school in Term 2, I would like to provide you with an update from Amity College.

### What will learning in Term 2 look like?

As mentioned in my correspondence before the term break, Monday and Tuesday, 27- 28 April 2020 have been designated as staff development days and, hence, **learning for students will begin on Wednesday, the 29th of April.**

Once again, I would like to thank you for the feedback you provided through the end of term survey regarding the Remote Learning program at Amity College. Overall, the comments were positive and informative, with some very helpful suggestions that will be implemented in Term 2. As you will appreciate, our Remote Learning program was a rapidly evolving process and so we greatly appreciate the ongoing support and engagement of both parents and students during that phase.

In our Term 2 outline below you will find that your children will have:

- less screen time, more quality and engaging activities
- more opportunities to connect with his/her friends and teachers
- less variety of subjects each day
- clearer time table to follow

Please find how a typical day in primary and high school will look like in the second attachment.

### No Change for Week 1 and 2 of Term 2:

We will continue to remain operational via the Remote Learning practices that commenced in the last three weeks of Term 1. That is;

*"Schools will remain open for any families that have no option but to send their children to school. However, for practical reasons in NSW we will be encouraging parents to keep their children at home"*

As Amity College, we understand the significance of supporting the attendance of children of essential services workers, and the many other children who are not in a position to be supervised at home. If you are able to keep your children home, please do so.

Those students attending school will be supervised and will undertake the same Remote Learning program that is being delivered to those students engaging remotely.

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## Transition Back to Campus from Week 3 of Term 2

As you may be aware, the New South Wales Government has announced that there will be a limited return to face-to-face teaching from Week 3 of Term 2, commencing Monday, 11 May 2020. At this stage, we are planning for a gradual and staggered return to campus for students. There is much to consider as we prepare for this and the wellbeing and safety of our students, staff and community is our priority as we work to adhere to the many requirements.

We have planned for the safety of our community, including increased hand sanitisation, additional cleaning and limiting visitors to campus. Please note that we will continue to reinforce strict hygiene protocols to all staff and students and follow all Government Health advice.

More information regarding this phased approach will be communicated with the school community once it has been determined.

## Parents Webinars

The parent feedback collected from the Family Check-in surveys strongly communicated the urgent need for parent webinars regarding our school's Remote Learning and technical support. As a result, we have organised Parent Webinars which will be hosted by our Principals, Heads of Curriculum and Director of Innovation and Technology.

The following webinars for both primary and high school parents have been organised:

Primary School Webinar 1	Tuesday 28 April	8:15 pm - 9 pm	please register <a href="#">here</a>
Primary School Webinar 2	Tuesday 5 May	8:15 pm - 9 pm	
High School Webinar 1	Thursday 30 April	8:15 pm - 9 pm	please register <a href="#">here</a>
High School Webinar 2	Thursday 7 May	8:15 pm - 9 pm	

## We welcome a new initiative: Amity Waves!

As a school wellbeing initiative, our Pastoral Care department began airing a weekly radio show, "Amity Waves". We aim to promote connectedness amongst the school community by having guests from staff, students and parents as well as conducting interviews with experts from various fields to raise awareness about topics that relate to our community.

Amity Waves is broadcasting once a week on Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm and aims to spread friendship and harmony far and wide in our school and wider communities. Access to the broadcast can be found at <https://amity.ly/amitywaves>.

Thank you once again for your support and continued trust in us. We will keep you updated as further developments and decisions are finalised.

Yours sincerely,



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