



Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you had a relaxing break and your family has had time to reflect on term 1 and begun to prepare for the upcoming term. Can I begin by reassuring you that we are all well prepared and ready to commence remote learning this term. Our staff are excited to forge forward into this online world – and have spent considerable time planning ready to support learning next term. We are in ground-breaking territory and I know we are all up for the challenge!

As an International Baccalaureate School, I am reminded of the IB's vision:

The **International Baccalaureate®** aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and **respect**.

This is what we aim to do at Gold Creek. We have such an opportunity to respond to the Global situation with local action, and I know that as we continue learning in this remote way, we will focus on developing our young people to be successful global minded citizens.

I write today to confirm with you the arrangements for the commencement of term 2 at Gold Creek School.

Term 2 Learning and Teaching

As you know, commencing Tuesday 28 April, all learning and teaching will continue to be via our Alternate Learning program. The Week 1 Learning program will be posted by 8.30am on Tuesday, 28 April. Following on from this each week's program will be posted by COB each Friday to allow families to plan for the next week. On the senior site posts will be made in Stream and learnings tasks, and support materials will be posted in the weekly folder.

Students Requiring Supervision

Parents who have already indicated to the ACT Education Directorate that their children would need to attend one of the hub schools should have received an email. There will be Gold Creek Staff at the hub school to support a smooth transition. If you require supervision for your children and have not already enrolled you can still [register](#), or call the Education Directorate on 6205 8495 and details will be provided as it is processed. We will have skeleton staff at Gold Creek from Tuesday 28 April to help support any families or students into remote learning.

School Attendance During Online Learning

Please be aware that all regular daily attendance procedures continue to apply during this period of online learning. It is expected that students meet their online learning requirements as they would with face-to-face classes when at school.



If your child is sick and/or unable to participate in online schooling for a day, you will need to notify the attendance office via phone call/text/SMS. We will still be collating attendance information daily and will contact you if your child has not attended online classes.

Family Wellbeing

Family wellbeing remains a central focus of Gold Creek School during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is essential that all students remain connected with the school and with one another. A reminder that if you require any support, please contact your child's Pastoral Care or Classroom Teacher to discuss as soon as possible. Our Senior Site Student Services team also remain available and are ready to assist students and families as required.

Finally, I can confirm that I will be continuing in the role of A/g Principal for term 2. Please see a letter below from Angela Spence:

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your support of Jacqui and the team during this difficult time. Due to the ongoing changes, I will be continuing in the Director of School Improvement role for Term 2. Jacqui Chapman will continue to act as Principal in my absence and Cindy Condon will continue as Associate Principal on the Junior Site. I am confident that you are in very good hands during my absence, as our community is strong and supportive of one another. Wishing you all the best in beginning our alternate learning program next week.

Regards,

Angela

The coming weeks will undoubtedly bring continual change, but please be assured that as a community, Gold Creek School stands committed to delivering a safe, supportive, caring and productive learning environment for all our students.

We look forward to an amazing learning term, where we will continue to grow and learn together. We thank you again for your continued support.

Regards

Jacqui Chapman
Acting Principal
Gold Creek School

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