

Wednesday 29th April 2020



64 Adelaide Rd, Victor Harbor
South Australia 5211

P 08 8552 8880 **F** 08 8552 8833
E admin@encounter.sa.edu.au
encounter.sa.edu.au

ABN 87 346 799 642

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Allowing staff and students the first week of Term 2 to continue with the remote learning they were all expecting has proven to be valuable. I thank the families who have made the choice to keep children at home, even if it has been less than ideal and a juggle for your family.

Given the continued positive progress in the recovery from COVID-19, and in keeping with advice from SA's Chief Medical Officer, returning Encounter to its usual face-to-face learning model is a priority. With that in mind, we strongly encourage all families to send their children to school from next Monday. We are fully open for business!

I appreciate that, for a variety of reasons, there are families who will still choose to keep their children at home for a period of time. We absolutely respect and support those decisions, but also ask you to understand that the priority for teachers will very much be on the face-to-face teaching of students present. While there will still be support for students and ongoing communication for students not attending each day, the frequency and monitoring of remote learning will diminish given our shift in focus to face-to-face learning.

Given our invitation and encouragement for students to return next week, it would be appreciated if we could get an indication of children NOT in attendance in Week 2. Please email admin@encounter.sa.edu.au by 3pm Friday, if this is your intention. This will allow us to plan and make decisions for next week and for the remainder of Term 2.

Although additional cleaning is being undertaken in accordance with Government recommendations, we are trying to keep our daily practices as conventional as possible so that students are not unnecessarily heightened by our current environment. We do ask, however, where at all possible, that students are farewelled at kiss n drop, rather than being walked to class by parents. We don't expect this measure to be a long term one, however minimising the number of people on-site is a decision many schools have made. Many of you would already know we are not currently allowing volunteers, instrumental tutors or health professionals to engage with students on-site either. I also expect this to be a short-term strategy which we will revisit in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your support and for your adherence to our requests as we navigate our way towards a more familiar and desirable way of living life at Encounter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelvin".

Kelvin

Looks like school, feels like home...

encounter.sa.edu.au

