



GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

It was our intention for this letter to be the publication of the Dispersed Learning Protocol our staff worked so hard to develop at the end of last term; however, that document was built on the understanding that the majority of our students would be learning from home, at least for the beginning of Term 2. While we cannot be certain, it seems likely that many more of our students will be returning to school on Monday than we anticipated a fortnight ago, which may change the way we need to structure teaching and learning going forward. Bearing this in mind, we have decided to delay the publication of that protocol until we can make well-informed decisions about what will best serve the needs of our school community.

In the very short term at least, we will continue to deliver learning remotely, even for students who are physically attending school, as per the communications you will have received from individual teachers last term, as this is what we have prepared. We are very grateful to those of you who have engaged with this process, and supported and encouraged your young people to manage their learning through these online channels. Many of us are negotiating very steep learning curves to provide this type of learning and it is gratifying that those efforts have been valued.

Once we can establish ratios of students who are attending face-to-face versus those who are learning remotely, we will be able to determine which methods will be the most suitable for our students. We will, therefore, publish details of how we will manage teaching and learning at Grant High School for Term 2 by the end of next week.

If your young people do not attend school on Monday next week, please communicate with Kunga Course (homegroup) teachers via phone message or the Sentral portal, so that we know what your plans are (i.e. when they will be attending again) going forward. This will help us immensely in our decision-making.

The fact that we are in this situation is very positive in so many ways; however, we can appreciate that the many, often conflicting, messages we have been receiving about schools and schooling has been confusing and frustrating. We support you in making the best decisions you can for you and your families and we will do our best to respond to those in ways that are most beneficial for our students.

We look forward to being able to provide you with clearer information about how Grant High School will operate as soon as we can. In the meantime, keep well.

Kind regards,

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