



Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re: Update to families – Week 10 arrangements**

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to implement the '@home learning' program this week. We have chosen a continuous approach to refine our learning plan as we monitor the way students are responding to this mode of learning. We continue to consult widely through school networks and have conducted significant research to ensure that what is offered is effective for all students, has appropriate rigor and is to the highest standard. Please do continue to give feedback to staff in both Primary and Secondary.

The vast majority of students are now participating in @home learning. We continue to remain open to families who need us to be onsite. Our Primary school continues in a blended mode with learning packs, which were lovingly created by staff this week to supplement Term 2 online learning. These have been collected over the last two days and I thank the staff and families who enabled that to occur safely. Students in Year 7 to 9 have a synchronous timetable for the morning with opportunity to contact teachers through Direct Message and complete work assigned during periods 4 and 5. Years 10, 11 and 12, and those participating in VET studies, will continue in their synchronous timetable. We are especially proud of the way our upper school students have been so diligent during this time, adjusting extremely well to this mode of learning.

The College will remain in this mode for the last week of term, Week 10, with the last day being Thursday 9 April. During Week 10 there is a focus on wellbeing, a celebration of Easter and our first online assemblies in all year groups. A number of families have asked if we will be operating in Week 10 similar to government schools in not assigning work and allowing teachers to prepare for Term 2. Having already accomplished this, LJBC will continue delivering curriculum until the end of the term uninterrupted. This is a credit to our entire community of which we feel most proud to be a part of.

We will continue to improve our online platform with new additions being trialed and added each day to enhance the @home learning program. I will write to families next week with the Term 2 LJBC Guide for families. We continue to watch carefully the direction from government in full knowledge that we are able to remain in both modes for an extended period of time and able to deliver a quality curriculum that will continue students learning at the highest standard.

The College is here to support all our families during this difficult time. We understand that every family is facing unexpected challenges due to COVID-19. We want to restate our support for you, our College community. For those families under severe strain, please contact the College so we can talk about how to best support you during this time.

In the coming days our College Website will change as part of our response to COVID-19 and will provide a number of resources available to you and also to share with the wider community. These resources will include a focus on wellbeing, ideas and guides for managing working in the home as well as how to access assistance. This will be a useful first port of call for families as you access @home learning.

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Our Parents and Collegians Auxiliary has provided additional ways for families to support each other under the tab "LJBC Community".

May God continue to bless each of you with peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Sonneman-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a distinct 'S'.

Paul Sonneman-Smith

Acting Principal

3 April 2020