



# MOUNT ANNAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Mount Annan High School, 'Learning From Home' will continue for the first two weeks of Term 2. During this time planning will be undertaken to increase the level of direct engagement schools can have with every student, to ensure they are connected with their at home learning and to check on their wellbeing.

From week 3 we will engage in a staged approach to try and get every child in years 7 - 10 to be able to experience their school setting for a strictly limited time (one day) each week; years 11 and 12 will receive separate information as our plan is developed further.

Our school will continue to create only one unit of work for students to work on at home or under supervision at school, the work at school will only be a continuation of the work at home and students may not have their own teacher for that subject as classes will be limited to 9-10 students per class depending on room size to protect staff and students. Strict social distancing procedures will be enforced. Students will need to bring laptops and devices with them to work on as most of the school laptops will have been lent to individuals to work and learn from home.

Any student who is at risk, has vulnerable family members at home or may be unwell should not attend these days but parents and carers will need to inform the school as to the reason why on the day. It is ok not to attend for the various reasons as no new learning will take place just reinforcement of the online learning and some socialisation within their particular classrooms. Recess and lunch breaks will be staggered to minimise contact between students. At this point there will be no school canteen in operation for the duration of term 2.

I would encourage parents and carers to consider how each student is travelling to and from school and take all precautions for safe travel as many of our buses are actually available for public use including adults, they are not specifically allocated as "school specials" despite my enquiries and complaints earlier this year.

The first two days of term 2 have been allocated as Staff Development Days so there will be no expected learning on these days. Learning will recommence on Wednesday 29 April. Students of essential workers who cannot remain at home are welcome to attend on any day, this group has consisted of up to 9 students on any day, thank you to our community in your support at this time by keeping your children home and safe.

We are still on holidays although I realise most of our teachers are working through the holidays to ensure the best learning opportunities are available for your children. We truly have a magnificent and dedicated staff here at Mount Annan and I feel privileged to lead them.

More information will come next week after we have planned and discussed with staff what is feasible and what works best for the Mount Annan High School community.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Bates  
Principal

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