

## Ambarvale High School

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## **WELCOME TO TERM 2**

Dear Parents,

As you will have seen in the media, the social distancing measures in place since March, and well adhered to by Australians, has flattened the curve and significantly reduced the number of newly diagnosed cases of COVID 19. This is great news. As a result the NSW Department of Education has committed to a gradual return to face to face teaching and learning during Term 2.

Weeks 1 and 2 will continue to be remote online learning from home, unless you are an essential worker. So, for the first two weeks of Term 2 the message is, if you can keep your children at home for their learning, you should.

From week 3 of Term 2 (11 May 2020) students will be returning to school one day per week and your child/ren will be assigned a 'learning at school' day. The leadership team are working hard to coordinate the 'learning at school' timetable and at this stage we anticipate these days will be allocated by House groups. We are also working hard to ensure the day per week that students attend is relevant and enjoyable, and includes both wellbeing and physical activity opportunities.

If your child is in our Support Unit, they will be allocated their 'learning at school' time based on their class, and not their house group.

If your child is currently in Year 11 or 12, and enrolled in subjects that require practical or project work, our timetable will accommodate additional time to meet these curriculum needs.

Please note, whilst students will be returning to school one day per week, they will still be expected to continue with their online learning from home for the remaining four days of the week. Similarly, it will be very important that students (unless they are the children of essential workers) limit their attendance at school to their allocated day, to ensure we can provide a safe and well-managed return to school.

We believe we will be in a position to share with you your child/ren's 'learning at school' day details by Friday of this week, 1 May 2020. We will place these details on our FaceBook page, and our website, and will send a short text message to alert you.

In the interest of adequate social-distancing for all, can I please ask that if you have any questions or queries, you fully utilise school email and telephone rather than an in-person visit to the school.

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Kind regards,

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