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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience during this time of massive upheaval.

Remote Learning Preparations

Our aim this week has been to develop new ways of delivering education to our students. We have built and tested these new methods of working, practised this and developed lessons for use in the event that we are doing remote learning as the mode of delivery next term.

We are using the existing OneNote resources that we've always deployed to our students – the majority of students already know how to manage using this software. This will involve teachers emailing parents and students with the details of the upcoming learning and then students accessing the rich array of learning resources and class teacher instructional videos in their OneNote notebooks.

A detailed explanation of how this would work will be published in the next update.

To make this happen, students will need to be able to access their email and their OneNote notebooks. All of this is accessible via the online portal called the MIS Gateway.

Access to the learning materials

In order to ensure your child has access to their work and can successfully participate in remote learning they need four things.

- An internet connection.
- An internet enabled device (a laptop, desktop, tablet, or as a last resort, a mobile phone*)
- Their school username.
- Their school password.

With these four things, students can access the MIS Gateway. The MIS Gateway is your child's literal gateway to their Class Notebook (lessons), their Outlook (school email), their OneDrive (cloud-based storage) and useful apps and programs such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel.

In order to ensure that your child can access the gateway, simply navigate to the MIS Gateway by entering mis.eq.edu.au in your preferred web browser. Your child will then be prompted to enter their school username and password.

If you need more information regarding this process, please visit the [Remote Learning Support](#) section on our [school website](#). We will be regularly updating and adding support documents for you on this web page. You can email your IT support queries to ITsupport@nerangshs.eq.edu.au



Check whether your child knows their Username and Password and that they have checked they can log onto the MIS Gateway. If they can't, then you (or your child) will need to contact the school during office hours. (See the support document on our website: [Password not working](#))

* mobile phones have limited functionality

What if I have no internet enabled device

For the past 2 days we have been sending txt messages and seeking responses from parents who do not have an internet enabled device. We are providing loan devices to all those who have responded and giving them the details of how to access free internet through one of our business partners. When we run out of loan computers, we'll look at pre-loaded USBs or paper copies of the lessons.

Year 11 and 12 Assessment

Year 12 - To alleviate the pressure and the disruption currently being faced by our students, teachers and school communities, the QCAA has advised us that for Year 12 students, one summative internal assessment in each General and Applied subject would be removed from the assessment requirements. Teachers have identified which assessment this will be and they will communicate this outcome with their students in class after the school break or next term through an email if we are schooling remotely.

What this means for the calculation of a student's final result is as follows:

- General Subjects : Two internal assessments and one external assessment
- Applied Subjects:
 - Essential English and Essential Mathematics will have two internal assessments and a common internal assessment
 - All other Applied Subjects will have three internal assessments

Year 11 – more information on adjustments to Year 11 Assessment will be forwarded when we are advised by QCAA.

VET Subjects – students will continue to work through their competencies and upon successful completion of the course will be awarded their qualification.

Reporting

Reporting for Term One will go ahead as planned. Teachers have collected sufficient assessment data to enable them to complete a progress report that will provide a grade for achievement, effort and behaviour with comments on how the student can improve. The achievement level has been determined by the assessment, both formative and summative, that has been completed to date. Reports will be emailed to parents on the first Friday of Term 2 (24 April). The Term 2 Parent-Teacher Meetings have been cancelled.

Please keep in mind that this is not only new for you and your child, but also for our staff. If you experience issues, faults or barriers with the IT, please communicate with us and we will work towards a solution together. We all have the same goal – to ensure your child engages in valuable learning experiences.

Yours sincerely



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