

Dear families,

We have reached the end of term 3 and I wanted to take the time to thank parents and carers for the great job you have done in supporting your young people.

Remote learning is a challenging time for students, staff and parents. I am pleased to see that despite the obstacles and challenges our community has managed this extremely well. I have heard so amazing stories of creativity and innovations in teaching and learning.

It is important to take a break over these next 2 weeks. I feel it will be a well-earned break for staff, students and families.

Spend some time outdoors if you can, away from TV and computer screens. Physical exercise is always good for everyone's mental health .

We return to teacher-led remote learning on Tuesday 5 October, as Monday 4 October is a public holiday.

Term 4 is actually an 11 week term, as Term 1 was only 9 weeks. The school year ends on Friday 17 December 2021

50+ school holiday ideas for kids.

The spring school holidays are going to look a little different this year. With COVID-19 restrictions currently in place and interstate travel not possible, parents may be scratching their heads as to how they can avoid those two words: 'I'm bored.'" For ideas for indoors, outdoors, online and ways to get active, [read 50+ ideas to keep kids busy during school holidays](#). If you leave home, please take precautions to protect yourself and your family. Wear a mask, maintain good hand hygiene, keep your distance from others, stay within your region and use the Check In CBR app.

Surveys about Term 4 at our school

This week the ACT Government announced arrangements for the beginning of term 4. The health and safety of students and staff is our number one priority. Decisions about schools are being guided by the latest health advice from the ACT Chief Health Officer and [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee](#).

When on-campus learning returns we will have measures in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This includes promoting good hand and respiratory hygiene, requiring physical distancing for adults onsite, regular cleaning and disinfecting, requiring staff and students to stay home if they are unwell and promoting ventilation.

The Education Directorate wants to hear from public school parents, carers and students about how we can make the transition back to onsite learning as positive as possible, how we can support your wellbeing needs, and what you need to feel confident that our school is a safe place to be.

The links below will open separate surveys – one for you, and one for your child or young person. If you have more than one child or young person, they can use the same link as each other. Responses will be recorded separately and are completely anonymous.

The surveys will be open until **Friday 24 September** and will help inform our planning for the safe return to school in term 4.

We encourage all parents, carers and students to complete the survey if they can. Each survey will take around 10 minutes to complete.

- [Education Directorate Parents and Carers Survey](#)

- [Education Directorate Student Survey](#)

If you have any questions about remote learning or COVID-safe arrangements in our school, please contact us or have a look at the FAQs on the [ACT Education Directorate website](#).

Thank you for your patience and kindness during this challenging time.

Have a lovely break

Kind regards,

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