

Good afternoon Students and Families,

Thank you to our families who have abided by the protocols set by the Department of Education in relation to social distancing.

The Government and Department are encouraging you to keep your child at home from Tuesday 24 March to contribute to supporting the community response to COVID-19. The school's doors will remain open for those students whose parents are in the essential services or who are vulnerable.

Our Stage 6 student learning is taken place through contact with their teachers on online platforms. More will be discussed as information comes to light from NESAs.

I want to describe the learning from Years 7 to 10. Each student will have an educational matrix – for Year 7, 8, 9, and 10. This will be available from tomorrow afternoon.

These are stressful times. This matrix is designed to support young people with their learning in a self-directed, home resourced manner. While at home, your child will receive contact from a member of our school staff to support them in their learning on a regular basis. This matrix is for the remainder of **Term 1**. With each completion of a task, a mini PBL merit will be awarded. When a line is completed, a class merit will be awarded.

There is some learning from home that will occur on Microsoft Teams. Teams is a very easy platform that can be used on a mobile phone, tablet, laptop, or computer. If this is difficult, ask your young people to try the other areas of learning that do not require a device. There is also a list of audio books, thanks to Mrs Kane. There will be a printed work package that can be picked up at school for those who do not have internet access.

If your child has completed all work spaces on the matrix and requires additional learning activities please feel free to access: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/teaching-and-learning-resources/7-10-resources>

In the matrix, we have included ERIK G principles. ERIK G stands for EMPATHY, RESPECT, INCLUSION, KINDNESS and GOOD MANNERS. There are some home tasks that families might find a help at this time.

The staff at JFHS are thinking of you at this time. As fellow JFHS community members, we need to support each other as best we can, in the face of COVID-19. If you need any help at all, please speak with the teacher who contacts your young person, or myself, via email:

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Take care,

Jenny Parrett

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