



Dear Parents,

Just a quick update before next week. I've had a number of calls from parents asking questions, which has also raised further points to clarify.

Please note the following:

1. **Tuesday 14th April is a Curriculum Day.** This is a pupil-free day.
2. Wednesday 15th April. Term 2 starts with the remote and flexible learning model.
3. The days Wednesday 15th- Friday 17th will be used to establish teacher-student relations for each class. For these days, please access the 'At Home Learning' section of the school website which will have year level specific advice on learning activities.
4. Teachers will continue to establish connections with students through the remote learning platforms. Google Classroom for Prep to Grade 3 and Microsoft Teams for Grade 4 to 6. Teachers may post tasks/communicate with students through these on the first 3 days.
5. From Monday 20th April, we will move to a more formal remote and flexible learning model. This will include students (on the remote platforms) checking in each morning with their teacher. More information on this will be sent later in the first week.
6. For students not on the remote platforms, the teacher/school staff will communicate with parents in alternate methods i.e. email/telephone calls.
7. **In the first week, Wednesday 15th- Friday 17th April please contact the school office for the following:**
 - **Your child will be using the remote learning platform but does not have the log details/password. Other technical issues.**
 - **You would like to request a loan laptop/device for your child to enable them to participate in the remote learning. These will be available for pick up from Monday 20th April. There will be a 'Loan Device Agreement' that parents will need to sign.**
 - **Your child will not be using a remote format and requires a hard copy of learning tasks. This can either be mailed to you or picked up from the school office.**
 - **You do not have internet access and may benefit from a SIM card/dongle.**
 - **Please contact the school office if you have further queries.**
8. For on-site learning at the school for students.
 - Please note the Department of Education advice: *"All students who can learn at home must learn from home. This is a very clear directive by the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer. All students will be learning from home, except for children on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made."*

- Parents wishing to send their children to school, in compliance with the above guidelines, are required to complete an '**On-site Attendance Form.**' This is attached to this letter. These will also be available at the school office from Wednesday 15th April and **MUST** be completed prior to your child attending school.
9. **Compass** platform. Just to clarify, if you have provided your email to the school, you will be receiving some school communication through the Compass email function. However, parents are not fully connected through Compass as yet. I am aiming to fast-track this, so parents will be able to utilize the functions of Compass for communication etc.

I appreciate the spirit in which parents are understanding that we do not have all the answers at this stage, and we will continue to provide information as we move forward.

Expect further communication from the school in the first week of Term 2.

Thank you, and please stay safe in this challenging time.

Regards,
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Principal
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