



Monday 13th of April, 2020

Dear Families and Caregivers,

The Minister for Education has announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, all Victorian government schools will transition to remote and flexible learning arrangements for Term 2.

For us to stop the spread of the COVID19 virus within our school and wider community and prevent its potentially devastating impact on our children, **all students who can stay at home, MUST stay at home** during this time.

The only exceptions are:

- Children of workers where no other alternative supervision arrangements can be made. If this is the case, please contact the school on Tuesday by phone. Please do not attend the school.
- Children who are vulnerable. This refers to children whose health and safety would be at risk of harm should they remain in their home environment. If this is the case, and no other alternative care arrangements can be made, please contact the school Tuesday by phone. Please do not come on to school grounds.

Reducing the transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and supporting the safety and wellbeing of the small number of staff and students in attendance at school is critical. Please do not attend the school unless it is essential and a phone call **MUST** be made first to organise this.

Tuesday remains a curriculum day and staff are required to work from home. Teachers will be finalizing the finer details of implementing remote and flexible learning for the term ahead of us. Only a very small number of staff will physically be allowed on school grounds this Tuesday. The first day of Term 2 for students will be Wednesday 15th of April.

Please expect a phone call from your child's teacher over the next couple of days. If you get a phone call from an unknown number or even private number please accept the call. On most occasions staff will be calling from a private number. Some 'smart phones' have a setting where calls can be set to block unknown callers, please ensure this setting is off so that private and unknown numbers can ring through.

Thank you to all staff who have volunteered their time to support any students who must attend school.

All Learning from Home packs were sent to families during this past week. We are hopeful that families receive these during the first week of Term 2 (Australia Post dependent). Any physical or online work provided to your child will be guided and supported by classroom staff. There has been a wide range of general work (at your child's academic level) sent home to students and further individualised work will be discussed with each families separately. The work provided is general in nature and specific work instructions and guidance will be provided to families. Learning at Home Pack 1 provides multiple weeks' worth of work.

We have set up a learning space on our school website. All families will receive a text and email Tuesday 14th of April at 2pm with the link to our school learning area. This space will be accessible to all families to use throughout the duration of remote learning. Specific activities on this platform will be guided by your child's classroom teacher. The website learning space will continue to evolve over time with resources and links continually added and updated.

We look forward to working with you all in this new learning environment. We are sure that over the next few weeks we will refine our practises to best suit our children, families and staff. Hopefully all of Victoria's good work to contain the virus continues and school returns to normal sooner rather than later.

Thank you once again to our wonderful school community. We understand that Term 2 will look very different however families will continue to receive the support of Warragul & District Specialist School staff throughout this different time.

Stay healthy.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hyde

Principal

Alesha Marshall

Assistant Principal

