



Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Thank you all for your understanding during this difficult time. Thankfully our school community has the privilege of working with professional teachers, compassionate parents and resilient children which places us well for the road ahead.

As you will know the premier Daniel Andrews announced a 5 day stage 4 lockdown where schools are effectively closed. (Please refer to previous compass entries for provisions around this). This has meant that most students this evening went home with books and readers to continue their learning.

I met with staff this afternoon and they understand the importance of continuing learning for students while they are at home. However due to the speed at which this announcement has come this may look a little different to the remote and flexible learning students and care givers remember last time.

Firstly all teaching material will be delivered via Compass. This is a change from the google classrooms that were used last time. Due to the change in year and the lack of time, we felt that this delivery method was faster (although not quite as good). If you or your child are having trouble with logging on please ring the school.

This evening we set some expectations. Also acknowledging that school has only just begun and new concepts are just being taught. This means that students may struggle to independently learn more than usual. This is normal at this time of year. Our expectations and timelines are as follows:

- On Monday morning our teachers will prepare lessons for the 3 days.
- These will be available in the PM on Monday.
- Teachers and students are **not** expected Webex during this time unless the teacher requests it.
- On Monday, each teacher will provide 1 hour of Literacy and 1 hour of Numeracy in the afternoon.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday teachers will provide 1 hour of Numeracy, 1 hour of literacy and one hour of other work (PE, integrated studies etc.)
- Families who need a device will need to contact the school on Monday.

Further instructions:

- We are unsure at this stage whether buses are running for those students coming to school. Please wait for further information over the weekend.

- All swimming and extra-activities are cancelled during this time. We are not sure if it possible to re-schedule this, once again please wait for further information.
- At this stage photos will still occur on Thursday.

A huge thanks to our teachers for their flexibility and adaptability to do what is best for our children and getting learning programs up quickly. Thank you also to the parents who will work with us to deliver learning over this short period.

Stay safe and take care

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Moorhouse', written in a cursive style.

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