



COVID-19 Virus Update – Wednesday 25 March 2020

Dear families,

Welcome to a new way of operating! Our students and staff are now working in both the real and virtual world of teaching and learning. It is important to keep reminding ourselves that our kids can learn in many varied ways and that no one way is absolutely correct.

Many of you would have either seen, or heard about, the morning posts on See Saw that staff have been forwarding to our students. These posts are to provide a bit of a reality check-in and enable students to maintain a sense of connection with their class. The posts also enable staff to outline the activities scheduled for the day. Many of the staff will also do a daily follow-up post to recap the day.

Staff have already been impressed with the efforts of some students in their ability to record the work that they are doing as well as the commitment being shown to tasks. There was an interesting article in the SMH this morning which explored how different families are embracing the remote delivery of schooling in their own homes. Some children are electing to dress in their uniforms, have a packed lunch and recess, as well as setting up a designated learning space. Some are developing set timetables and scheduled breaks. It really is up to the individual.

For those families having difficulty accessing reliable internet at home or have issues with available technology there are booklets available at the school to collect from the Office foyer. **Please note** - this is the same work that is being presented at school as well as being presented online. If you don't suffer from access issues please do not come in to collect these work packs.

As stated yesterday, the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and all of our families remains core reasons for the measures that have been put into place. ***Whilst NSW public schools remain open we would encourage parents that can keep their children at home to do so.*** Approximately 77% of students were absent from our school today, and this is expected to increase on a daily basis.

These plans have been made as part of the Government's ongoing approach to social distancing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr David Crowe