

11th April, 2020.



Ref: COVID 19 update: Remote Learning Packs

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Victorian Government has now advised that all schools will move to remote and flexible learning when students return for Term 2 on Wednesday 15th April.

This means that 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.

Most of our staff will also be working from home. All of them have been working hard to put curriculum plans in place to ensure continuity of learning and to support the wellbeing of all our students. Staff at Westbreen have planned and prepared materials and resources to support students with their learning at home during this time. These learning packs contain learning activities and resources around the areas of: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Maths, Integrated Studies, Creativity, Physical Activity, etc.

In our initial planning for collection of these learning packs, an Alphabetical Surname pick-up of these learning packs from your child/children's classroom will occur during the following times:

	Tuesday 14th April, 2020	Wednesday 15th April, 2020
10:30am-12:00pm	A-F	N-S
12:45pm-2:15pm	G-M	T-Z

Parents/Carers are advised to enter classrooms via external doors and exit via internal doors into the open space and subsequently outside. Social distancing rules will be enforced and hand sanitiser is available in each room for parents/carers upon entry.

Please Note:

1. For parents/carers of students in 1/2B and 1/2M, you will enter and exit via the automatic doors to the Early Years Building.
2. 3/4Z Learning Packs are to be collected from the Specialist Building ~ Art / Science Room.
3. 5/6A Learning Packs are to be collected from the Library. Please enter via the external door (behind the basketball courts).

At this stage, your child/children's remote learning pack will contain 4 weeks of learning tasks. Each student will also be provided with an exercise book to record their learnings. Their exercise book will be collected by their teacher for assessment and feedback purposes (further details on this process will be communicated at a later date).

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Classroom Teachers, and Education Support Staff working with PSD students, will be contacting their students once a week. The aim is to use this to check in on how students are progressing with set learning tasks and engage with students about their health and wellbeing, including any anxiety, worry or stress they may be feeling. At this stage, telephone calls will be the mode used for this communication. Should this method of communication alter, the school community will be informed accordingly.

Work is also underway to identify students who do not have access to digital technologies at home.

This is clearly going to be a challenging time for all of us. It's going to be critically important that we work very closely together to ensure that we provide the very best possible support for the ongoing wellbeing and learning of our students and your children.

The Department of Education and Training's Learning from Home website also provides information and resources for parents and carers: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx>

Further information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated as the situation evolves:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

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