

8th April, 2020.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Ref: COVID 19 update: Transition to remote and flexible learning arrangements for Term 2

Yesterday (Tuesday 7th of April), The Minister for Education 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. *This means that from the start of term two all students who can learn from home must learn at home.*

The following operating model will apply.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING FROM HOME, EXCEPT FOR STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Children on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made. This will be available for children of parents who cannot work from home, and vulnerable children, including:

- children in out-of-home care
- children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm
- children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service or mental health or other health service and children with a disability).

On-site Provision

- On-site provision will be available at all government schools, but only for students in the categories listed above, for the purpose of providing continuity of teaching, learning and support.
- Physical distancing will be implemented in classrooms to the extent feasible and unwell students will be excluded from attending.
- The learning program delivered on-site will be the same as the learning program delivered to students undertaking remote learning. Students learning on-site will be supervised by an on-site teacher but follow the teaching and learning program provided by their classroom teacher.

A reminder to all families that Tuesday 14th April is a Pupil Free Day with Term 2 beginning on Wednesday 15th April.

The school will send out clear instructions regarding remote learning prior to the start of Term Two – Wednesday 15th April, on how Term 2 will proceed. We are receiving information from DET, and the school community will be informed on how students will be assisted to work from home.

We always continue to offer our sincere thanks for your support, patience and resilience in such a rapidly-evolving environment regarding COVID-19.

Please continue to visit the school's website: <https://westbreenps.vic.edu.au/> for ongoing updates and information.

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