



Hi everyone,

Here I am speaking to you again from the Principal's lounge. Just a quick update on the current situation in this ever-changing landscape we're in. Next week brings about even more changes with regards to schools. Next week, from April 6th to 9th would normally be week 10 of term however, the Premier has brought forward the school holidays. What this means for students and families, firstly, the students will be on holiday and there is no learning program required to be provided by the Teachers, either online or offline. If you are an essential service provider and you must go to work, then your child will be supervised at school to allow you to work. This does not apply to people working from home. I'm sorry, but you need to keep your child or children home with you. If you will be working at work, you should by now have let the school know so that we can determine and plan how many staff are required for supervision next week. Just to clarify, there is no requirement for teachers to post learning program, nor are they required to make comments on Seesaw or daily announcements. Teachers instead will be planning learning programs for Term 2 in the event of prolonged closures.

In order for us to refine our services and improve on the learning programs that were on offer this week we are seeking your feedback, it's very simple feedback, we need to know what is working well for the home learning program and what could we do to improve it. With over 1300 Students, we ask that you keep your suggestions brief. This will be posted on seesaw or email to parents and carers.

One thing I'd like to comment on prior to your feedback is please don't suggest that we provide bulk paper-based work packages of worksheets, or textbooks. I know some schools are doing this, but this won't be us. We are proudly a leader in digital technologies and our staff are experts in the field of delivering online learning, well they're certainly rapidly becoming experts. To ensure our programs are accessible and inclusive our staff have provided activities that can also be done offline and without the use of technology. We've asked our teachers to make contact by phone call to try and touch base with students that they have not yet seen on Seesaw. The purpose of these calls is to check that students are okay and to see if their families might need support or assistance with the online learning program or any learning program for that matter. As I've said previously, we make no judgments, families can engage with the home learning program or not, the choice is yours. The phone call is simply to check in with the students and their families.

To finish I'd like to thank our school community for the many positive messages we have been receiving. Our staff have been working extremely hard in trying circumstances, and I couldn't be prouder of how they've risen to the challenge and responded in the most positive way. So, until I talk to you again, stay safe and stay positive. Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open. Bye everyone.

Karen Duncan
Principal