

May 27th, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware, schools will move to “Remote and Flexible Learning” until Thursday June 3rd (inclusive), with school likely to return on Friday, June 4th. The Premier has announced today that the expectation is both staff and students **must stay at home if they can stay at home**. Should you believe that there are exceptional circumstances and that your child cannot stay at home during the day, please contact the school via phone or email, so that we can discuss how the school might support your child.

Please note that the proposed student free day on Friday May 28th will still occur, allowing staff and students to prepare for the coming days of remote and flexible learning. The Front Office and the Information Technology office will be open on Friday to allow students to access their lockers if they need to. The office hours will change however between, Friday May 28th and Thursday June 3rd. The new office hours during lockdown will be between 9.00am and 3.45pm.

From Monday May to Thursday, our curriculum will be delivered remotely. DayMAP (<https://daymap.shc.vic.edu.au/daymap/>) will be our main platform which students will access for their work. If remote learning continues past Thursday June 3rd, hard copies or digital copies (via USB) of the work can be made available, as needed. During the next week digital technologies will be the main way that the curriculum is delivered. If you are unable to access work due to computers or internet restrictions, please contact the school (it@shc.vic.edu.au) or contact your classroom teacher to seek assistance in obtaining the work.

Teachers have been asked to make themselves available during their normal class times to assist students with their work. This could involve responding to emails, using Video Conferencing (WebEx), online forums (Google Docs, Google Hang outs, etc) to communicate with students. However, most teachers will be working from home, with only one or two staff being present at school on any givenday.

As parents, it is important that we work with our students to;

- Create a quiet space where the students can work in each day.
- Develop a schedule which allocates time for students to complete classwork, exercise, read, relax, etc.
- ‘Screen time’ will also be something which needs to be monitored, however remember that ‘screen time’ where students are visiting online museums, reading etc. can also be an educational experience.
- Recognise that these are exceptional times and monitor your child’s physical and mental wellbeing.

Please note that face masks are mandatory on school buses, it is also mandatory that we carry a face masks at all times. It is therefore very important that parents ensure that all students have access to a face mask.

Thank you again for your continued support you have shown in working through this pandemic. I feel exceptionally lucky that I have such a hard-working staff and understanding parent community aroundme. Please continue to contact the school as you have questions or need assistance.

Yours sincerely



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