

August 21th, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware, schools will move to “Remote Learning” from August the 23rd with school tentatively due to return on Friday, September the 3rd. The Premier has announced today that the expectation is that 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. Essential workers who send their students to school will also need to send in copies of work permits for each adult in the home as evidence of their current employment.

On Monday the 23rd of August there will be no remote learning classes or students allowed on site, with classes starting on Tuesday the 24th of August.

Unless the lockdown ends early our curriculum will be delivered remotely until September the 2nd. 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 September the 2nd, hard copies or digital copies (Via USB) of the work can be made available as needed. 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 given day.

Students may need to access their lockers and should do so via the front office between 9.30am and 3.30pm, lockers will be open from Monday, August the 23rd.

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

- Create a quiet space where they students can work in each day.
- Develop a schedule which allocates time for students to complete classwork, exercise, read, relax, etc.
- “Screen time” should also 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. If you are concerned about your child please contact our Wellbeing Team.

When we return to school face masks will be **mandatory**. Parents should ensure that all students have access to a face mask when we return.

Thank you for the continued support you have shown in working through this pandemic. These continued changes are difficult on all of us, but they are necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to contact the school as you have questions or need assistance.

Yours sincerely



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