



Return to Remote Learning

Monday 3rd August 2020

All Students will return to remote learning as of this Wednesday 5th August.

Tomorrow is a Curriculum Day – There is no school for students tomorrow.

Yesterday the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These requirements apply to all schools across the government, Catholic and independent sectors and across metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect from Wednesday 5 August, following a student free day on Tuesday 4 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3.

There are implications for our school and for families in our school community which I have attached.

RURAL AND REGIONAL VICTORIA

PREP TO YEAR 10

- Prep to Year 10 students will move to remote and flexible learning.
- On-site supervision in rural and regional Victoria will be available to:
 - Children of parents who cannot work from home (Essential Workers)
 - Students with a disability/vulnerable children, who are: in out-of-home care, or deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm.

The directive from DET to schools has been very clear - **children who can learn from home must learn from home**. We will do our best to be equitable with on-site placements within the challenging constraints we are currently facing. However we are restricted by the number of staff we can have onsite at one time and trust that all our families understand that onsite supervision should only be used by those families that meet the DET criteria above, no exceptions.

If you require onsite supervision for your child/ren this week please ring the school before **1.00pm** tomorrow. Onsite supervision will begin this Wednesday for students who meet the previously discussed DET criteria.

TIMELINE

- Monday 3 August will be a 'normal' day of school under current arrangements, with students attending on site learning and they will take all their necessary learning materials home.
- Tuesday 4 August will be a student-free day across Victoria to enable teachers, especially in rural and regional Victoria, to prepare for flexible and remote learning.
- Wednesday 5 August will be the first day of new arrangements for schools across Victoria

Today students will receive their first Remote Learning Booklet for this term along with their passwords to access the online learning platforms we use at school. If your children did not attend school today your packs will be posted out to you.

Each pack includes a weeks' worth of carefully selected daily learning tasks for your child chosen by their teacher.

In your pack there is also a suggested daily timetable that we have put together that is very similar to how we run our programs at school.

Wendouree PS - Suggested Home Learning Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-9.45	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
9.45-10.30	Handwriting Word Study	Handwriting Word Study Writing	Handwriting Word Study	Handwriting Word Study Writing	Handwriting Word Study
10.30-11.00	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break
11.00-12.00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12.00-1.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.00-2.00	Art	Respectful Relationships Activity	Stay Active Time	Free Tech Time	Stay Active Time
2.00-2.30	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break
2.30 -3.30	Tech Time Online Learning	Tech Time Online Learning	Tech Time Online Learning	Tech Time Online Learning	FREE PLAY

This is a suggested timetable to assist our families to set up a routine for learning at home if required. Please feel free to be flexible and move things about as they fit in to what you are doing at home.



Whilst the activities included in this pack are important, please remember:

- To be flexible with the times your child is working if needed - The suggested times are only a guide and can be changed to best suit your family.
- Don't put yourself or your children under pressure - assist in the best way that you can. Personalised learning programs are of course impossible to be done from home so if your child finds an activity too hard then model for them how to do it rather than getting frustrated. Showing

them how or reading it for them out loud because they find the reading a little hard is perfectly fine.

- The most important thing for your child will be establishing a routine that suits all of you.
- Our Remote Learning Drop Off Letter Box is up and running so completed booklets can be dropped off to school.

We very much appreciate your help. If you need to contact us you can email us at wendouree.ps.vic.gov.au or visit our website for further information and resources about remote learning.

www.wendoureeps.vic.edu.au.

The Department of Education and Training has also developed a fantastic Remote Learning website which has great resources for families. <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/learningfromhome>



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