

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION: TRANSITION TO REMOTE AND FLEXIBLE LEARNING IN VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic presents a unique and challenging situation for all Victorians. It means we have to do things differently, including adapting the valuable work undertaken by teachers and schools in providing education for Victoria's children and young people.

As we act to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the message to students at government schools and their parents/carers, is clear: all children who **can** learn at home **must** learn from home.

In the limited circumstances where a student may continue to attend school on-site, the remote learning program delivered on-site will be the same as the learning programs delivered to students learning from home.

LEARNING FROM HOME

To provide learning continuity for your child, it is important they have as much routine and certainty as possible. Education plays a large role in your child's routine.

To support learning at home, you don't need to take on the role of a teacher. The most important thing you can do is to continue to provide:

- (1) a routine for your child(ren), informed by the teaching and learning program provided by your school
- (2) a regular place for your child to do their school work
- (3) encouragement for your child as they adjust to this new way of learning.

Your child's school will:

- tell you and your child what online tools your child can use to support their learning from home.
- clearly communicate the responsibilities of your child's teacher/s, as well as what you and your child need to do
- provide learning activities for your child to do
- communicate with you and your child through their normal channels. For example, the school website, newsletters and email

Your child's school will contact you in the first week of Term 2 to determine if your child needs support to access the internet, or if they need to borrow a laptop or tablet to access learning materials. Priority access will be given to senior secondary students, children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds along with those who attend schools in bushfire-affected areas.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ON-SITE DELIVERY

All government schools will continue to offer on-site learning and teaching programs for eligible students during regular school operating hours. In some cases, eligible students may be required to attend a different school in their local area to access an on-site program.

Parents who require their child to attend on-site school learning will need to complete the School On-site Attendance Form in the week prior to their child attending on-site to indicate the days or part-days they require their child/ren to attend school on-site.

In all cases, students must be well and not displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATTENDING ON-SITE

Attending school on-site will remain available in limited circumstances for:

- Students on days or part-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.
- Vulnerable students.
- Small groups of VCE and VCAL students to complete learning requirements that cannot be undertaken at home. Schools will advise if these arrangements are necessary.

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

If your child attends a non-government school, please contact your school directly to find out more information about their delivery of learning in Term 2.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information for parents and carers of children enrolled in school visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/coronavirus-advice-parents.aspx

For health information about Coronavirus (COVID-19), visit: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus