



April 8th 2020.

Dear parents,

The Minister for Education has announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, all Victorian government schools will transition to remote and flexible learning arrangements for Term 2. This means that from the start of term two (Wednesday 15th April) all students who can learn from home **must** learn at home. The following operating model will apply:

All students will be learning from home, except for students in the following categories

Children on 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, and vulnerable children.

As Minister Merlino stated in [his media release](#) , “As we act to slow the spread of coronavirus, the message to students and parents of government schools is clear: all children who **can** learn at home **must** learn from home – with exceptions only in extremely limited circumstances.”

Parents should not seek information from the school / principal as to whether their child/ren is eligible to attend school but rather ask themselves “**Can** my child learn from home and do they **need** to attend school?” These are questions that can only be answered by the parents themselves.

On-site provision

On-site provision will be available at all government schools, but only for students in the categories listed above, for the purpose of providing continuity of teaching, learning and support.

To assist with staffing and preparation, could parents please inform the school by email if they believe they will require supervision for their children at school as they are unable to be supervised at home. (Please include

days/ dates in this email if possible)

Learning Program

The learning program delivered on-site will be the same as the learning program delivered to students undertaking remote learning. Students learning on-site will be supervised by an on-site teacher but follow the teaching and learning program provided by their classroom teacher.

Learning At Home Program

At the beginning of each learning week, a unit of work for each year level will be made available for every student. Parents will be notified via Compass that the unit of work is available and will be provided with a link to the school's website where the unit of work will be electronically located. ***Further information on the 'Learning At Home' program will be sent out to all parents via Compass next Tuesday 14th April.***

Digital Device

If any family does not have an electronic device (computer, laptop, tablet etc) available for their child to assist them with their 'Learning At Home' program, the school will make available an ipad on loan until school resumes its normal operation.

Parents will need to notify the school by email that they require an ipad for their child and a device will be prepared for your child's grade level. The ipad will then be available to be picked up from the school office during the week from next Wednesday 15th April.

Parents will need to sign out the device and will be responsible for the care of, and return of the device, when school resumes normal operation.

Out of School Hours Care

Out of School Hours Care (before and after school care) will still be available at Newport Lakes PS during term 2.

Next Tuesday 14th April is a Pupil Free Day and childcare will also be available for this day.

For any further information in regards to any childcare needs please contact the provider, Quantin Binnah direct on Ph: [9742 5040](tel:97425040).

I thank you for your understanding in these difficult and unchartered times.

Regards

David Moss
Principal