



Remote and Online Learning is Here

April 14 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This communication is to advise that St Anthony's Primary School will now move to remote and online learning (learning from home) as our Continuity of Learning Plan from Wednesday 15 April. The Chief Health Officer has advised that these arrangements should remain in place for the duration of Term 2 and will then be reviewed. As previously indicated St Anthony's will have a **student free day on Tuesday 14 April. Teachers will be in contact via Dojo on Tuesday to communicate remote and online learning for each level to families. Please be available.**

Online Learning Student Protocols

St Anthony's leaders have developed [Online Learning Student Protocols](#) to support students who are engaged in remote and online learning. These protocols outline the key aspects of online learning and ways to keep the students safe in an online environment. Included in this link is tips for setting students up to learn from home effectively. I would recommend that you sit down with your child and read the document together. Teachers will also work through this document with students at the beginning of the term.

Exceptions to Remote Learning

On advice from Catholic Education and the Education Minister, we are making exceptions for children who are not able to be supervised at home. This includes:

- children of parents who cannot work from home and no other arrangements can be made
- vulnerable children including:
 - children in out-of-home care
 - children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm
 - children identified by the school as vulnerable.

These exceptions for onsite provision are only for students in the categories listed above for the purpose of providing continuity of teaching, learning, and support. The learning program delivered on-site will be the same as the learning program delivered to students undertaking remote online learning. Thank you for completing the survey over the holidays which has assisted the school in making planning provisions for these students.

Youth Leadership Australia (Out of School Hours Care)

I have made arrangements with Asanka in the out of school hours care program to support families **only in the above categories.**

Take home Chromebooks

We will make arrangements for the collection of Chromebooks for approximately 80 students on Tuesday, 14th April when many staff return onsite. If you requested a device via the survey, you will receive a phone call tomorrow about procedures for a drive through pick up in the car park and signing of a [borrowing agreement](#).



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Remote Online Learning Trial

The first week of the term will be a trial for students in Years 3-6 with students logging into their Devices **from home** and connecting to a teacher's device who was working **from both school and at home**. Please allow time for us to sort out technical and connection issues. We require your patience.

We have made the decision that learners in P-2, due to their age and need for support will not be learning primarily from a device. They will be directed to do much more than just sit in front of a screen. This will be communicated via Dojo.

The trial week intentions are as follows:

- testing accessibility of School Chromebooks/Personal Devices at home to connect to the school
- using Google Meet as a mode of live direct teacher instruction as we can no longer use Zoom
- supporting teachers with online content delivery

Although we anticipate technical difficulty in the first week or two, we are confident that online learning will be a huge success.

Helpdesk

Our Admin team, Karen, Jamil, and Deb will be available in the office for any Tech issues and they will be referred to the correct person. For future technology problems support is available through ewarrener@sanablepark.catholic.edu.au if the problem cannot be resolved by the teacher.

Communication

Your son or daughter's teacher remains the first point of contact for you should you have any queries or questions regarding their academic learning or their health and wellbeing.

Wellbeing

Our Wellbeing Team lead by James Gow will be available for support via phone or email. In the first instance please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to speak with a member of our Wellbeing team.

What you can do

Check that the workspace your child is learning from is set up in an appropriate part of the home, free from distractions. Their desk and chair should be at a comfortable height with plenty of natural light and ventilation.

Ensure that your child has healthy snacks, plenty of hydration and regular breaks. Recess and lunchtime should be outdoors and screen-free whenever possible.

If your child is absent please phone or email or phone the office before 10.00 am. It is important that parents report all absenteeism as usual. A parent and/or guardian is the only person who can call in on behalf of an absent child. Call 9546 0044 at any time and leave a message or email office@sanablepark.catholic.edu.au. For those families who have children attending school, please notify the office as usual.



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Making this transition is understandably going to be challenging for us all. There is a lot we are going to learn over the coming weeks: some of it learned through things that go well, others through things that don't work quite the way we intended. Both will be important sources of learning. I am confident that with the feedback received from parents and the dedication of the teachers, we will make it through this challenge. Please watch out for further communications via Dojo while we navigate together to find our new norm.

I look forward to seeing you soon in the online world.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrika Rowley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Patrika" on top and "Rowley" below it, both starting with a capital letter.

Patrika Rowley
Principal