



# St Columba's School Bayswater

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

## Transition to Remote Educational Delivery

Hope you are travelling okay?

As you will be aware, St Columba's School, Bayswater, will be open only to essential worker's families from Monday 30 March as directed from the State government. Please note the following information:

### Delivery of the Educational Plan

*The Educational Plan will be delivered in Three Phases:*

Phase 1: Five Day Plan [30 March – 3 April]

- Teachers will continue to communicate through Seesaw Family and email learning activities for children in the classes to work through. This is the way we have operated over the past two weeks for children at home. Nothing will change this week.
- These will include: Mathematics, Reading Eggs, writing activity based on a picture prompt, spelling and Religious Education. This could be in the form of take home packages or on-line.
- All year levels will be doing differently. It is the way we will keep the transition to home learning calm and manageable. We are not going to extend external pressure onto families by changing our way of doing things this week. You have enough going on.
- We will send a letter via Seesaw and place this on the website, outlining how to download the Seesaw Class App, as well as trial the delivery of this from teachers to students on Thursday or Friday during this week.
- Priority 1 this week is everyone's wellbeing.
- This includes doing what you can to assist students in their learning. Teachers will send a message in the morning and the afternoon to touch base. This is not about checking in on you having completed the work set. This is 100% focused on making sure everyone is okay.
- Expectation from us is simple, do the best you can. No need to follow timetables or sit kids down for hours to complete work. There is complete flexibility for you to do what you can. There will be no expectation to be reporting back in this week. You must be looking after each other.
- I, with some special guests, will be sending out a few ideas via video for all families to engage in that will allow you to be creative in engaging in this learning. We are extremely understanding that if you are working from home, and then expecting to get through all your kids work, that this can be stressful. We are about taking the pressure off you, not creating more.
- Please stay in touch with your classroom teacher, they will be the best support you can have.
- Do not feel you need devices this week to support the learning. If you require email as a form of delivery, please contact your classroom teacher.
- Teachers will use this week to start the planning for on-line learning and reviewing what support we will need for families if this continues into Term 2.

## Phase 2: Four Day Plan [6 April – 9 April]

- No educational delivery this week.
- This is a week of professional learning that will allow us to prepare fully for on-line learning, if this is required in Term 2. Teachers will use Seesaw Class to deliver the activities for their year level.
- Teachers will trial working from home and connecting with students and families.
- We will roll out support devices to families who require this support.

## Phase 3: On-going Implementation of Curriculum

- This will be determined after consultation with Catholic Education WA and government.
- Timeline unknown, but is predicted for the start of Term 2.
- Teacher delivery through the Seesaw Class App.

Throughout this time, we will be placing notices and videos on our school website, Facebook page and Parent Facebook page to keep you as up to date as possible.

### *Wellbeing Engagement: Are you taking care of yourself?*

It is extremely important that you are looking after yourself as well as your children during this time. You will have many ideas that you already do with your children to look after their wellbeing. Enjoy the experience. The Number 1 way is to stay in touch with family, friends and our St Columba's staff through email and Seesaw. Check everyone is okay.

We look forward to continuing to support your family during this time of on-line learning. Please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teachers if you need any support, or flick an email through to admin or myself. We also have great support through our Assistant Principals and office staff. Feel free to make contact with whoever you feel comfortable with.

Absolute key to wellbeing, is being able to speak to someone and know that they will listen. Being able to talk and express how you may be feeling is what we are here for. Never hesitate to reach out. All our staff are the best listeners. We cannot fix everything, but we can listen and support you.

We are Ubuntu! We are St Col's!



With blessings your way and an abundance of good things:



Art and the staff of St Columba's School Bayswater