April 14, 2020

Dear parents

As you may be aware school in Term 2 will be very different. All students who can learn from home must learn at home. This is a very clear directive by the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

There may be some students who will have to attend school on days when they cannot be supervised at home. Our bus network will operate to enable students to be transported to school if they fit this category. Small groups of VCE and VCAL students may be required to attend school for learning requirements that cannot be conducted via distance.

Class size may not be greater than ten and any student who attends school will have to practice physical distancing and any unwell student will be excluded from attending. There will be a focus on good hygiene practices. The learning program at home and school will be the same - students attending the school will not be advantaged.

This will be a very different term of learning and we will work to support the growth and development of each student. Technology will be used as one means of learning and we are aware of how this may be an issue due to the connectivity that some of us do or do not have.

Please remember that a healthy happy child learns more than a grumpy one. So setting up routines will help and a positive disposition will be the greatest enabler of all.

The Department has some clear guidelines for working from home which are based around the age of the student. The following attachment will help with this. Teachers are planning accordingly.

The one thing that we can be sure of in this is that it will keep changing as the term goes on. If we are able to work together during this term we will get the best possible outcome not just in this term but for 2021 and beyond.

If parents are not able to supervise students at home we need to staff that, and organise bus travel if required. We will plan for this on a week by week basis. So the attached paperwork needs to be completed and returned to the school via email every Thursday if your children will need to come to school in the following week. Please remember that if your child is not well we cannot have them at school even if you cannot supervise them at home.

Regards



Robert Boucher

Principal