

9 April 2020

Remote Schooling arrangements from the start of Term 2

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

As you will be aware, the Victorian State Government has announced that all Victorian Schools will be implementing the Remote Schooling program effective 15 April 2020. This means that from the start of Term 2, most students will be learning from home.

This decision has been made to increase physical distancing across the population and prevent the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). **Therefore, all students who can learn from home must learn from home.**

All students at Sacred Heart School will commence Remote Schooling on 15 April 2020 at home except for:

- children of parents who cannot work from home;
- children who are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made; and
- vulnerable children.

I wish to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our school community will remain our highest priority with physical distancing provisions being made for the safety of students and staff.

Please note that if you choose to send your child to school, your child will be supervised whilst undertaking the Remote Schooling program which has been designed by our school. As such, your child will be undertaking the same program as those children learning at home.

In addition, I wish to advise you that your child's teacher will not necessarily be supervising your child on-site, but will continue to support your child through the Remote Schooling program as previously advised to you.

If you need to send your children to school, please register your intention to send your child/children to Sacred Heart School on the google form (link below).

<https://forms.gle/macrhjQvy9X2Rfyk9>

This will enable us to ensure that we have sufficient staff on duty to supervise students in attendance.

I appreciate that this is a very challenging time for all in our community and your cooperation with our Remote Schooling program is very much appreciated. We understand that there will be parents who will need to send their child(ren) to school. We wish you to know that in those circumstances, we are here to support you and your child(ren).

School staff will be available throughout the Remote Schooling program and you are asked to make contact directly with your child's teacher if there are any concerns about your child's wellbeing or learning program. If you do need help or additional support, please contact them by phoning the school office, 58221841 or sending them an email.

During this difficult time, we must all take care to support one another. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who may be unwell, and those who are working to keep our community safe.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Pauline Hindson

Principal

