



Dandenong North Primary School

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

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By now you will be aware that we are expected to resume remote learning from Monday 20th July until Wednesday 19th August – a period of five weeks.

All of us at Dandenong North Primary School are bitterly disappointed that the need to try to suppress COVID-19 has resulted in this situation.

As previously, if parents are working and unable to arrange care for their children, they can complete a temporary enrolment form to have their child/children complete the remote learning program onsite. This time, children with special needs are also eligible for inclusion in this program.

We will distribute Learning Packs for remote learning on **Friday 17th July** under the covered area, the 'Aircraft Hangar', at the Eastern end of the school. In order to protect the health of our families, we have staggered the collection of packs to adhere to social distancing rules.

Please find below the list of times for pack collection:

Friday 17th July Learning Pack Collection Times

- 9:30 to 10:30** Children's last names that begin with the letter A, B, C, D or E.
- 10:30 to 11:30** Children's last names that begin with the letter F, G, H, I or J.
- 11:30 to 12:30** Children's last names that begin with the letter K, L, M, N or O.
- 12:30 to 1:30** Children's last names that begin with the letter P, Q, R, S or T.
- 1:30 to 2:30** Children's last names that begin with the letter U, V, W, X, Y or Z.

Our computer technician is absent from school on family leave until the 27th July. This means that we are not in a position to distribute electronic devices, such as computers or iPads, until late in the week of the 27th July. Our teachers will continue to develop 'learning packs' and we will distribute mathematics text-books for specific year-levels, which contain learning programs that become progressively more challenging.

We will aim to contact families or children regularly so that questions can be answered and learning can be monitored.

At this stage, we anticipate a return to school as of Wednesday 19th August – a shorter period of remote learning than last time. By also making sure that students have up to 6 library books at a time, as well as their learning packs, we hope that students can be productively learning during this difficult time.

We ask that parents will encourage their children to read from and discuss their library books daily, if possible. Reading, with your feedback, is a very powerful developmental and learning activity. Parents should listen for accuracy and pronunciation, and ask children to re-tell what they have read in their own words.



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Please note, if you are entering the school grounds we would appreciate the wearing of face-masks to reassure anxious individuals that we are all in this together. The Chief Medical Officer has confirmed that it is not practical for students or staff to consistently wear masks, however they are free to wear them if they feel the need to. But the wearing of masks by parents and casual visitors is practical and has been recommended by the Chief medical Officer.

Further information will be made available as it comes to hand. Hopefully with news of declining numbers of positive Coronavirus cases.

Parent queries should be directed to the school email address dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au or by telephone on 97947899.

We look forward to seeing all of the families at the above indicated collection times, and we thank you for your support.

Kevin Mackay
Principal