

How to prepare for your school closing

Student Guide

School is an important part of your life. Being at school allows you to learn new information, improve your knowledge and skills, and socialise with your friends. In the coming weeks schools may close to help support the health of your community. If this happens, we want you to keep growing as a learner and stay connected to your teachers and peers.

To ensure that you are able to set up a learning routine at home, your teachers

- will email you and your parents/guardians by 9:00am. This will be on the days when you would normally have class according to your timetable
- will send the learning activities they would like you to complete
- provide instructions on where to submit the work when finished

Sometimes, these learning activities might take a short amount of time and other activities may take longer. You need to read your instructions carefully and email your teacher if you are unsure or 'stuck'

Learning from home will look different for all people. Some teachers may be online during your timetabled lesson either emailing or in virtual collaborative working spaces, other teachers may offer you alternative times for you to communicate with them. We need to work together, be kind to each other and focus on the learning that needs to occur.

This is an opportunity for you, as a student, to develop and refine those independent learning skills, communication skills and collaborative skills. These are skills that are going to be highly valued in your future.

Before starting your learning program at home, work through this checklist with your teacher:

- I know how to **contact my teacher** if I need help
- I have **internet access** from home
- I have a working **device with power that I can use** to do my school work
- I have a **timetable or learning plan** I can use at home each day
- I know my network **username and password**
- I have a **comfortable space set up** at home from which I can learn
- I have the **things I need** to work at home e.g.: Pens, pencils, paper etc.
- I have a way to **communicate with my friends** outside of learning time.
- I understand **what my teacher expects** me to do for school each day.
- I have spoken to my teacher if I have any concerns about my **health, safety or wellbeing**.
- I am aware I can contact the College to speak to a **school counsellor**, if required
- I am aware that I can call (1800551800), email or webchat the **kidshelpline**, if required