

Rivermount College



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Primary School Update

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop and evolve our focus remains firmly fixed on the education and wellbeing of your children. Teachers in the Primary School continue to deliver the curriculum in the classrooms for students in attendance and are working diligently to provide work for students at home through direct email contact with Parents and Guardians.

It should be noted that unless there are genuine health concerns within your family and self-isolation is required, students should be in attendance at school as per Government expectations.

The disruption to learning in the Primary School has been greatly minimised despite the current circumstances and our teachers will continue to operate with a blended mix of delivery between home and school until a formal closure directive is issued by the government.

If schools are required to close, our teachers will work collaboratively to deliver work programs for all students through direct email correspondence between teachers and parents. The Primary Staff have been preparing for this scenario and are fully committed to ensuring an effective continuation of the curriculum program.

As our families will appreciate, the learning style and curriculum delivery for students in the Primary School varies greatly between the year levels from Prep to Year 6. Subsequently, the online platform which will be effective for secondary students will not work for younger students. The required technology and the knowledge and skill required to operate on the google classroom platform is not feasible for our younger students.

It is our aim to ensure that the digital delivery of the curriculum is tailored to the needs of students in each year level and as such, activities will vary greatly among the Primary School. The students will be making use of their online subscriptions such as Study Ladder, Reading Eggs and Literacy Planet in conjunction with their workbooks, short videos and other delivery methods.

It is our aim to work closely with families during this difficult time and to provide our students with the opportunity to continue their education. Communication with your child/children's teacher is essential as is staying updated on the notices and directives provided by the College. Together, as a community, we can continue to work together during this time.

Yours sincerely



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