

Remote Learning Supports for Students, Parents and Carers

WHY DO I NEED THIS INFORMATION?

The wellbeing of our students is our number one priority at Greater Shepparton Secondary College. While we are committed to ensuring the health and safety of our school community, we are also dedicated to ensuring that our students' education is not negatively impacted by school closure. Learning from home is not intended to be the same as learning at school. Students are not expected to be at a computer for six hours a day, rather, learning should be broken up into manageable chunks during the day with time away from the screen built in.

This information sheet is designed to assist parents and carers to support the learning of their children while at home.

WHERE DO I FIND LESSONS?

Compass:

- Teachers will publish a weekly remote learning task for each subject (go to the learning tasks tab to find these)
- Teachers will communicate important notices via the class Newsfeed
- Teachers can be contacted using Compass email
- Positive acknowledgements will be awarded to students throughout the remote learning period, and will be visible to students and parents on Compass
- This is where students will submit work
- Feedback on student work will be provided on Compass

Microsoft Teams:

- This is where teachers will conduct live video lessons and check-ins with their students
- Teachers will be available during class time to communicate online
- Class and individual chat - ask questions or share work



WHAT DO I DO AS A STUDENT? HOW DO I HELP AS A PARENT?

Step 1 - Physical Environment

Quiet environment, free from distractions

Step 2 - Get Ready

Follow your normal morning routine and be ready for the day

Step 3 - Schedule

Know your timetable and develop a plan for completing learning tasks
Your teachers will open a meeting in Teams at the start of each class

Step 4 - Attendance

Join the meeting in the class Team at the beginning of each class on your timetable, including Learning Mentor

Step 5 - Classes

Participate in all classes and upload completed learning tasks by the due date

Step 6 - Take Regular Breaks

Don't sit at your computer or device for long periods. Get up and stretch, move and enjoy some fresh air; maybe have a dance! Remember to have a healthy morning snack and lunch!



HOW WILL I RECEIVE INFORMATION?

- Announcements for parents will be made on Compass in the 'My News' section
- Class announcements, such as scheduling live video lessons, will be made on the 'Class News Feed' and a 'push notification' might be sent to student/parent mobile phones or email addresses as a reminder
- Teachers will communicate with students via Microsoft Teams
- Teachers will also communicate with students, parents and carers through Compass email
- Latest news and advice will be published on the GSSC website and the GSSC Facebook page
- School newsletters will continue to be published on the GSSC website each fortnight

WHERE CAN I GO FOR EXTRA HELP AND SUPPORT?

General enquiries:

Email: Greater.Shepparton.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.gssc.vic.edu.au

Compass: gssc-vic.compass.education

Compass Helpline: available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on 03 4804 5600

IT Support Helpline: available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on 03 4804 5600

There are a whole range of supports available across our community: <https://greatershepparton.com.au/community/emergencies/pandemic>

You can contact all staff via Compass email. The Learning Mentor is a great first contact for general enquiries.

Staff hours are from 8:45 am to 4:00pm.



HOW DO I NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF MY CHILD IS UNWELL OR NOT PARTICIPATING IN LEARNING FOR THE DAY?

GSSC now has an Attendance Line for you to notify us if your child is absent, including during Remote Learning. Just call the relevant Campus and choose the attendance option to leave a message.