



# Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten

(Nunawading)

Wednesday, 8 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would be aware the Premier announced the procedures for students for Term 2 in Victoria yesterday.

There will be further advice today, but it often comes in late, so please take this preliminary advice as current as of now. As I explained in the newsletter at the end of the term we are well set up to deliver teaching and learning for all students online and for those who need it we will have hard copy packs of the same material available.

The Premier stated that

“The message to students and parents of government schools is clear: all children who can learn at home **must** learn from home – with exceptions only in extremely limited circumstances.

On-site learning will only be available for children whose parents can't work from home and vulnerable students without access to a suitable learning environment at home.”

The program that will be delivered onsite will be exactly the same as the online program. Supervision of students onsite may not be a student's class teacher, as staff will need to prepare the online learning program and attendance on site needs to be carefully managed in accordance with government guidelines.

The Premier also stated that “Physical distancing provisions will be made for the safety for teachers and kids. To ensure more kids can learn from home, the Government will loan more than 6,000 laptops and tablets to students who don't have access to digital technologies. Schools will also distribute other classroom devices as required to ensure all students who do not have access to a laptop or tablet at home will be provided one.

Internet access should not determine a child's access to education – so we will deliver free SIM cards or dongles to thousands of students at government schools who need them the most. This includes an agreement with Telstra to provide 4000 SIM cards for government primary and secondary school students. The Government has also purchased an extra 1000 SIM-enabled dongle devices.

Priority for the SIM cards and dongles will be given to senior secondary students, students in bushfire affected areas, and families who cannot afford an internet connection at home.”

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March is a curriculum day and staff have been instructed this must be done remotely. On this day we will be doing further preparation and families should expect additional notification on this day. We will be able to give a schedule for the week of what to expect and the learning tasks that need to be completed.

I would imagine that teachers will check in with their students on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00 to 10.00am. Year 3-6 students through Google classroom and F-Year 2 through SeeSaw (log-ins will be distributed Tuesday.)

I know that I haven't answered all of your questions but if you have anything urgent before Tuesday please contact the school email on [mt.pleasant.road.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mt.pleasant.road.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au). I will also have further communications today and should be able to let you know more by the end of today or tomorrow.

Regards,

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Principal