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Scoresby Secondary College student Aimee Bugeja learning from home

A Year 10 Scoresby student has started tackling Term 2 from home and has praised her teachers for their support as she joins thousands of other students in adapting to a new way of learning. And she is doing her best to keep it as normal as possible.

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 Scoresby Secondary School student Aimee Bugeja has shared her thoughts on completing Term 2 from home during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Scoresby Secondary College Year 10 student Aimee Bugeja admits it's a strange feeling starting to learn from home during Term 2.

“I’ve never had to do it before I don’t think any of the staff or teachers have had to do it before – we didn’t think it would ever be possible at the start of the year,” she said.

Aimee, 16, has joined thousands of students attempting to learn from home under a historic state-wide plan to keep students engaged during the coronavirus pandemic

Aimee said at the end of last term students were informed it was a possibility they may be learning remotely this term, and were advised to take home as many essential items as possible.

“Our school did surveys as well asking if we had a computer, laptop and printing access at home,” she said.

Aimee said she also had all her teachers’ contact information so she could keep in touch with them.

She said she was studying two Year 11 subjects this year — legal studies and psychology — and had a lot of guidance from teachers and other resources to lean on.

She said it would be up to each student and family to figure out the best way to deal with remote learning.

“I have a little sister at home who is in primary school and it will be very different for her,” Aimee said.

“I will keep myself to a routine and try and follow the school timetable that we had in place.”

She said before school broke up last term, students were also told to make sure they kept in contact with their classmates.

“With school there is so much more than the learning part it’s also building social skills,” she said.

“I already know I am missing my friends, I haven’t seen them through the school holidays.”

She said she had been keeping in touch with them via social media, the Houseparty app and Zoom.

“It’s crazy to think we were always told to get off your phone, get off your laptop, go see your friends and now it’s stay inside,” she said.

Although she said she was trying to follow the latest news on coronavirus she also made sure she switched off and tried to distance herself from her phone.

“I just want to escape the negativity once in awhile because it affects your mental health very much,” she said.

“I’m trying not to click onto every post and just spend some time with my family.”

She thanked her teachers for helping students get through the strange situation.

“I think we just owe a big gratitude to teachers and staff at the school because they have been thrown in the deep end like us and without them, we’d be completely lost.”