

GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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August 4, 2020

Remote Learning for Remainder of Term 3

Dear Families,

In an effort to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Victorian Government announced on Sunday that metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 Restrictions, likely until the end of Term 3.

Considering the Premier's announcements and changes to work places, there has been a re-defining of students who are able to be onsite. In accordance with Government directives, access to onsite learning at Galilee will only be available for:

1. **The children of permitted workers, including those children whose parents are BOTH working out of home and are unable to have age-appropriate supervision of their children's learning at home.**
2. **Students who are deemed to not be in a position to adequately access remote learning, including children in out-of-home care and children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm, and children identified by the school as vulnerable based on government guidelines (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service, or mental health or other health service). *This criteria does not include children who are finding online learning challenging even with the supervision of a parent or guardian.***
3. **Children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.**

We have contacted the parents of children who are currently being supervised to reassess their attendance onsite in light of the new restrictions and definitions.

Remote Learning Unchanged

Our current Remote Learning structure will remain unchanged, though additional support sessions will be included in the coming weeks for some students.

In line with Government and CEM directives, the school will be officially closed for onsite work and is only open for supervision, with very limited staff. Heavy fines apply to organisations who breach isolation orders by having staff onsite outside the guidelines.

The most effective method of **communication** with the school will be via email (wdalton@gsm.vic.edu.au) or email/Dojo messages to the class teacher. Our school phone line will be diverted to a mobile phone, which will be staffed by Wendy from home. The school office will only be staffed at limited times onsite throughout the week.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 August: Online Learning continues. Onsite attendance continues.
- Friday 7 August: Reduced onsite attendance and staffing begins while Online Learning continued.
- Friday 14 August: School closure day as planned: no classroom work will be set. Children can use this day to complete unfinished work.

There will be some changes made to Learning and Teaching outlined below for next week only:

- Classroom Teachers will upload work for Monday 10 August to Wednesday 12 August only, this Friday.
- Thursday 13 August will be a designated Specialist Day for students and planning for Classroom Teachers.
- Specialist Teachers will upload work on Wednesday 12 August.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



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