A Snapshot of Remote Learning by Staff

This week we asked staff to share their insights and thoughts about remote learning. The staff explained the highs and lows of this new learning experience as well as sharing their new remote learning work spaces!



In every challenging situation you need to look for the positives, I have enjoyed having Shadow my dog by my feet and making many cups of tea throughout the day.

Bianca Peters

Grade 6 Teacher



A challenge would be the lack of IT support I have at home, unlike at St Simon.

A good thing about working from home is that I am never too far away from the one I love, my wife.

Dr A STEM Teacher



It's been hard not seeing the Year 5s smiling faces in person everyday but I've loved extra cuddles from my puppy and cats!

Sarah Barbanti

Grade 5 Teacher



From the window in my study I can keep an eye on the chooks. I often need to shoo them out of the veggie garden!!

Philomena Solari Literacy Leader



It has been lovely being able to go to work in the home office in my slippers and have cuddles with my puppy but I miss the friendly faces and smiles of my teacher friends and students.

Claire Palmer

Grade 3 Teacher & Level 3 Leader



One positive thing about working from home is that I get to spend more precious time being dad to my seven month old son.

Andrew Johnston Grade 4 Teacher



It has been great being able to enjoy breakfast and coffee with the heater on at home! However, I miss seeing my class and spending time with them face to face.

Philippa Tarlinton Grade 1 Teacher & Level 1 Leader



Maryann Gillett's work space at home.

Grade 3 Teacher



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What I miss the most is not being with Year 6 Green in our classroom. I really enjoy the Google Meets we have that allow us to catch up with each other, share news and participate together in learning activities.

Karina Hannett Grade 6 Teacher & Level 6 Leader



A challenge for remote learning is sharing your home office with the music studio and the learning space for your kids!

Tom Wursthorn Principal



Lauren Freeman's work space at home.
Grade 1 Teacher



I have enjoyed engaging in webinars, going on family walks, picking fresh veggies & feeding the rosellas & King Parrots on my veranda. However, I miss the daily chats with **all** the students and teachers at St Simon's.

Monica Rayner

Maths Leader Teaching & Learning Leader



I have found teaching from home quite different but we (both the teachers and students) have adapted really well to it and stayed positive. I do like being able to cook fresh meals and go for walks throughout the day, but I can't wait to get back into the classroom!

Taylor Phelan Grade 6 Teacher



A positive for me during remote learning has been all the new technology that I am learning. I have learnt a lot!

Hiroko Ito-Ryan Japanese Teacher



Working from home is great because I don't have to load 3 kids in the car before 7am! However, trying to juggle those same kids, their school work and my own students can be a challenge at times.

Emma Tiberi Grade 1 Teacher



A positive for me is still being able to see the kids in some small way on the Google Meet sessions. We are lucky to live in a time where technology allows us to communicate in so many different ways.

Adelia Centracchio Grade 2 Teacher

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Working from home has been wonderful. It has allowed me to spend lots of time with my dog, Kaiser. He has loved having me home and enjoys watching my lessons. It has also been lovely to go for walks on my breaks. A challenge has been switching off after the school day is over. I look forward to returning to the classroom once it is safe to do so.

Carly Barca Grade 5 Teacher & Level 5 Leader



What I love about working from home is the commute, I walk from the family room to the study.

What is challenging about working from home is the lack of social interaction, as basically I'm talking to people via email.

Anna Morgan

Office



I have absolutely loved the positive responses from not only the students but also the families as they worked on the Art activities together. The most difficult thing for me during remote learning was missing the face to face personal approach to teaching.

Ivana Dabb Art Teacher



Remote Learning has been an interesting and a new learning experience! I can't wait to see all of our students back at St Simons.

Nicole O'Sullivan Learning Diversity and Wellbeing Leader



I love working from home because I am constantly learning something new on the computer (and I get to work in my slippers). A challenge though is not getting to see my beautiful class face to face every day.

Jacinta Feleppa Grade 4 Teacher