



23 March, 2020

Learning from Home

Dear Parents/Guardians and students,

The Premier, Daniel Andrews, has informed schools that students will begin the term holidays from tomorrow, Tuesday 24th March. Staff will be working at school for the remainder of this week, preparing work in the likely transition to remote learning at some time next term. At this stage, I have been informed that school will now resume on Tuesday, 14th April.

As a school we know that students are very familiar with using Compass to access the lessons and resources for each of their classes. This will continue. We have also worked to get all students onto Google Classroom in the last week, which will enable greater communication with teachers. We understand that not all students have been attending, so 'How to' information sheets are being prepared to assist students to set up their Google profile.

We understand this is a challenging time and that things may not always run smoothly as schools move to an on-line classroom. Be assured we are working to provide students with the best possible learning experience during this time.

We will keep families updated as information comes to hand and thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards,

Karen Lee

Principal

In the event that schools are closed at the beginning of Term 2:

- It is already the practice for teachers at Mount Erin to put lesson plans for each lesson onto Compass for their students. These lesson plans follow a specific structure and will include the details of the learning activities taking place in the classroom. Teachers will continue to put lesson plans on Compass for each timetabled lesson.
- Teachers will be available to students for online classes based on the current timetable. This will allow our teachers to focus on one class at a time and most effectively support students.
- Students and teachers have access to Mount Erin email. This can be accessed via the student intranet page and should be the initial point of contact if your child needs to communicate with their teachers.
- Many teachers and students will be using other parts of the Google Suite including Google Classroom and Google Meets or Hangouts to enable discussion and assessment to take place.
- Students are asked to follow their regular timetable when they are at home, participating in the learning for each class at the same time as they would if they were at school.
- Students will be expected to participate in the learning program and complete any tasks set by their teachers.

We understand that some of our students do not have access to technology at home. To support these students, we will be producing targeted packs to support their learning.

Please Note: Using Google Classroom and other parts of the Google Suite is new for us, most of our teachers have just been introduced to the platform for the first time. We are on a steep learning curve and like everyone that is learning a new skill for the first time, we are all at different points in our learning.

What can you do now?

- Sessions were run for all students present on Wednesday 18/3 to get them logged into their Mount Erin Google profile, bookmark the Student Intranet page and locate Google Classroom. If your child was absent on this day and has not yet used the system, please follow the instructions on the guide available on the Compass Newsfeed.
- If you require IT support this week, you can contact the IT technicians during regular school hours.

Email requests for support can be sent to it.technician@mounterin.vic.edu.au