

# COVID-19

“Learning From Home – Letter One”



## LETTER ONE

Dear Parents/Carers,

The nature of education is changing very quickly and with changes comes uncertainty. There will be very different and, sometimes, difficult times ahead, however we wish for you to know that we are here to support you with the move to “Learning From Home” and continue to value the vital role families play in their child’s education.

As a school, students remain our focus and our core reason of everything we do. Consequently, our teaching staff have been working very hard in organising learning across all year levels for Term Two. Teaching staff will provide programs to parents, to ensure that all students are able to continue learning and experience success, while meeting the expectations of the Australian Curriculum. With support and encouragement from home with the delivery of the lessons, and regular communication from teachers, students will be able to continue to engage in a variety of rich and meaningful learning experiences that meet their year level expectations.

We are fully aware that the nature of the current health crisis means that there may be times when children are unable to complete tasks or family members may be unable to assist their child with their schooling. Parents and carers must prioritise the health of their family and we understand that there may be times when school work is not completed. This is ok! In the same way, staff must prioritise their own health and that of their families. Everyone will need to be patient and know that, together, we are doing the best we can in these trying circumstances.

We have attached two very important documents to this letter. The **first document** is a suggested timetable, which may assist you in establishing a routine for ‘Learning At Home’. Please customise the suggestions to suit your own family routine. This timetable is flexible, however establishing a routine for children is important. A suggestion that you might find helpful is perhaps one child could be working on their English task because it is independent work for them, while another child works on their maths, because they need your help. Someone can be working on an offline task, while another is on a device. At a scheduled time, teachers will contact students via Zoom, Google Classroom or Seesaw for a roll call, prayer and a formal lesson for the assigned subject of the day.

The **second attached document** is the schedule of when each classroom teacher will Zoom their class. This may be a whole class or small group situation, depending on the need. It has been scheduled for once a day to avoid clashes with other year levels. These Zoom sessions will be recorded and placed on the relevant platform as listed below.

Below is a brief overview of what each section of our school is preparing, in terms of their classes and expectations of learning. Prep to 2 and Years 3 to 6 will all use specific learning platforms, which have been described below. *Email and SMS will remain our whole school communication tool. We will ask that parents check it daily – once in the morning and again in the afternoon, in case of any important messages.*

### **Prep, Year 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6: Google Classroom**

Teachers on these year levels will provide ['Learning From Home'](#) packages for their students- 'School In A Bag". These packages include resources, passwords for online school subscribed sites, headphones, work books and hard copy activities that will continue your child's learning. Your year level teachers will also be sending home advice that further describes their year level learning and how to use Google Classroom.

### **Year 2: See Saw**

Our Year 2 teacher will provide ['Learning From Home'](#) packages for her students - 'School In A Bag". These packages will include resources, passwords for online school subscribed sites, headphones, work books and hard copy activities that will continue your child's learning. This year level teacher will also be sending home advice that further describes their year level learning and how to use See Saw.

Teachers across all year levels will remain in contact with both parents and students through our school communication tool of ZOOM, on a regular basis and 'check in' with their class daily, in the afternoon. Teachers will decide the method of checking in. Zoom meeting links will always be shared ahead of time via email. Please refer to the timetable of Zoom sessions for each year level. Teachers will send home instructions on how to use either Google Classroom or See Saw.

**Alternative arrangements will be put in place for families that do not have internet access at home.**

*Once Term 2 'Learning From Home' begins, arrangements will be made to give every family an opportunity to ask questions individually around the new learning platforms and to ensure there is clarity around our new processes. We will provide further information in future correspondence.*

Mr John Ballinger-Oches  
Principal

*Please turn over for a complete list of correspondence from St Anne's regarding COVID-19 and its impacts*

**PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE TO PARENTS IN RELATION TO COVID-19:**

Date	Type	Via Email, Newsletter, Facebook, SMS or Hardcopy	Title of Document
28 January 2020	Letter home to parents	Hardcopy	First letter
29 January 2020	SMS to all parents	SMS	Dear parents, if you visited China over the holidays could you please ring the school to advise. St Anne's
30 January 2020	SMS to all parents	SMS	Please check your emails for an urgent update regarding the Coronavirus. This will also go home as a hard copy note today. STA
	Letter home to parents	Hardcopy	A special message for parents and carers – Novel Coronavirus – 2019-nCov
6 February 2020	Letter home to parents	Hardcopy	Update on Novel Coronavirus
4 March 2020	Letter home to parents	Hardcopy	A special message for parents and carers-novel coronavirus-COVID-19
8 March 2020	Post	Facebook	Hand Hygiene Video
	Post	Facebook	Hygiene Poster
	Post	Facebook	6 Step to Successful Handwashing
9 March 2020	Newsletter	Hardcopy (where requested) and email	ARTICLE – Effective Hand Hygiene is Vital
11 March 2020	Letter home to parents	Email	Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness
16 March 2020	Post	Facebook	Diocesan Safeguarding Training Postponed
17 March 2020	Post	Facebook	URGENT NOTIFICATION Representative School Sport
	Letter home to parents	Hardcopy and email	COVID-19
	SMS to all parents	SMS	NOTIFICATION - all representative school sport has been cancelled by authorities. This decision is effective as of today and will continue until further notice
18 March 2020	Post	Facebook	Andrew Chinn's Song – These Clean Hands
19 March 2020	SMS to all parents	SMS	Normal Friday assemblies at St Anne's Catholic Primary School have been cancelled until further notice. Thank you for your understanding with this.
20 March 2020	Post	Facebook	A Very Important Message from our Bishop
	Post	Facebook	URGENT NOTIFICATION NAPLAN 2020 and Practice Tests
	Notice home to parents	Email and Facebook and newsletter 23/3/2020	Uniform Shop Changes due to COVID-19
	Notice home to parents	Email	Student-Led Interview Changes due to COVID-19
	SMS to all parents	SMS	Parent Lounge PTI interview bookings close at 12pm. Please keep an eye out for sms and emails regarding what will be happening, re interviews next week. STA
	SMS to all parents	SMS	STA: Interviews next week are now unable to be held face-to-face. Bookings will still go ahead. Please see email from the school with new options.
	SMS to all parents	SMS	We have been informed that all masses are suspended until further notice. Please pass this on to others. This is due to COVID-19.
22 March 2020	Prep to Year 2 Parents	SMS	STA Swimming: Due to ongoing health concerns swimming has been permanently cancelled.
23 March 2020	Post	Facebook	How to talk to your child about COVID-19
	Post	Facebook	For all of our parents who may have children in year twelve
24 March 2020	Newsletter	Hardcopy (where requested) and email	ARTICLE – From the Principal... The Good News is School is Still Open
	Post	Facebook	Virtual Assembly
	SMS to all parents	SMS	SCHOOL CLOSURE be advised that if schools close it will be sudden. We will let you know asap if this happens. Please keep reading our newsletters, emails and fb
	SMS to all parents	SMS	STA teachers have been working to support learning at home should schools close. Please ensure all email details and phone numbers are up-to-date at the school.
	Post	Facebook	An Important Message about Absences
25 March 2020	Letter home to parents	Hardcopy and email	How to talk to your children about coronavirus from the School Counsellor
	Notice home to parents	Email	An Important Message about Absences
26 March 2020	Notice to all parents	Email	Invitation to join Assembly via ZOOM
	SMS to all parents	SMS	Due to a new directive from the Education Department all P&F meetings have now been cancelled until future notice. STA
	Notice to all parents	Hardcopy and email	Learning From Home Technology Audit
	Notice to all parents	Hardcopy, email and Facebook	Urgent Letter from Leesa Jeffcoat, Diocesan Director
	SMS to all parents	SMS	Two notes sent home today: Learning From Home Technology Audit and Urgent Letter from Leesa Jeffcoat, Diocesan Director. Audit must be returned tomorrow STA
27 March 2020	Notice to all parents	Email	Pupil Free Day Survey
	SMS to all	SMS	STA An urgent email has just been sent re next week. Please attend to this asap. If you do not have email access urgently ring the office. THIS IS FOR ALL.
	SMS to all	SMS	Please download the ZOOM app in preparation for 'Learning From Home' STA Staff
30 March 2020	Notice to all parents	Email (mailed out to parents who normally have the newsletter printed)	"Learning From Home – Letter One"
	Notice to all parents	Email (mailed out to parents who normally have the newsletter printed)	Support from our School Counsellor