



Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, in conjunction with our Diocese, we are currently in the process of developing structures that will enable the continuity of education for our students. During this transition phase, an initial Home-Based Learning Plan has been developed and will continue to be modified.

Our Home-Based Learning Plan will officially start Thursday, 26 March. Please ensure you have completed the [linked Survey](#) or phoned the Office if you do not have internet access. Important details about our Home Learning Plan are listed below.

Teaching and Learning

- The plan is focused on the continuity of education and will be delivered by Classroom Teachers. Teachers will continue to set learning tasks, monitor student participation, assess student learning and provide feedback at both an individual and whole class level. **Parents are not expected to teach their children.**
- The plan allows for both online and offline learning.
- Students are asked to participate in 5 hours of learning each day or 25 hours per week. Please see the [linked learning timetable](#).
- Students do not require their school pencil cases and books in order to participate in Home-Based Learning. If your child would like their pencil case, you are most welcome to collect them from school tomorrow.

Communication

- Our main source of whole school communication will continue to be Compass.
- All work tasks will be communicated to students (K-6) through SeeSaw (parents who are unable to access SeeSaw are asked to contact the school).
- Students are encouraged to be proactive in reaching out to teachers when they have questions or are unclear about the set work.
- Parents are able to contact their child's class teacher by emailing sblm@dbb.catholic.edu.au (please state the class teacher's name in the email subject so it can be forwarded on quickly by the Admin Staff).

Establishing Routines and Expectations:

- It is important to establish routines and expectations from the first day of Home-Based Learning. Please use the timetable provided to set regular hours for school work for your son/daughter.
- Keep normal bedtime routines for younger children and expect the same from your older primary and high school-aged children too.



Student and Family Wellbeing Resources

- [Supporting Kids](#)
- [Smiling Mind App.mindfulness](#)
- Kids helpline 24/7 – 1800 55 1800 or online chat or email via website
- Child Protection Help Line - 132 111
- Police Assistance - 131 444
- Lifeline - 13 11 14
- Catholic Care Family Support Centres: (02) 9481 2600
- Family Referral Service - 1800 066 757
- Headspace: 1800 650 890 or www.headspace.com - online chat 9am-1am
- Beyond Blue Support Service 24/7 - 1300 22 4636 or online chat (3pm-12am)
- Domestic Violence Crisis Line (24 hrs) – 1800 65 64 63
- Emergency 000
- Mental Health Access Line – 1800 011 511
- [Centres for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

Education Adjustments for Students with Specific Learning Needs

Individual student needs will be planned for within the learning tasks provided. For specific questions, please contact Classroom Teachers or Learning Support Teachers by emailing sblm@dbb.catholic.edu.au (please put the name of the Classroom Teacher or state 'Learning Support Teacher' in the email's subject so it can be forwarded on quickly).

Virtual Parent Resource Room

Tomorrow morning our parent community will be able to access our virtual Parent Resource Room online. The Parent Resource Room will be open for one hour from 8.30am via ZOOM. To join the meeting just click on the link below at 8.30am Wednesday morning. Make a cuppa at home, sit down and join Rebecca for a catch up. Password is: parents

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/171811472?pwd=SnPMUWNCQjU2QUpmMdlh4ZGRZdXExUT09>

Thank you for your patience and support.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. S. McNee'.

Craig McNee
Principal