



Continuity of Education - Update 25/03/2020

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone in our community - children, parents, carers and teachers. It is heartening to see how we are working together.

We are a faith of hope and our prayers continue to go out to all.

As you are aware, we are currently going through a transition stage to ensure all our children are educated - whether they are in class or at home. No matter where your child's location is, all will be doing the same work. Teachers are currently organising their lessons so that they can be accessed from home as well as from the class.

I understand that not every child will be able to access work from a device at the same time. To assist families, we are producing packs of work that can be collected from School tomorrow (Thursday, 26 March) after 1:00 pm. For ease of access, you will be able to collect it from the Kiss and Drop (drive-through). Just let the staff present know your child's class - I ask that you only collect for your family. If you are unable to get here, please contact the School.

These packs are not worksheets to be filled in, but tasks that can be used whenever you are unable to get online to participate in the lessons as per yesterday's message. Parents are not required to do any printing of children's work.

Teachers will be posting work on SeeSaw. Our Kinder to Year 3 classes will require a QR-Code (the SeeSaw App allows you to scan this Code) to access the site; this will be emailed to you tomorrow morning (a hardcopy will also be included in the packs).

We have created new class Seesaw folders in which work will be posted daily.

These folders are accessed through the Seesaw Classroom app using this QR code.



Students need to click the login button on the Seesaw home page and then select the student login option. They will then be able to scan the QR code which will take them to their folder. These student folders are separate to the existing parent communication Seesaw account. If you have any issues logging in to your child's account, please email the School as soon as possible. We will be providing you with links to videos that demonstrate how students can navigate and use the features of the App. Years 4-6 will not need this code - there will be a link to their tasks.

UPDATE ON ATTENDANCE CODES

From today the way we will mark Compass rolls has changed.

Your child will automatically be marked with a COVID-19 Flexible Timetable code if they are not physically present at school and are completing Home-Based Learning. The only reason you would need to enter an absence on Compass is if your child is sick and unable to attend school OR unable to complete the Home-Based Learning activities due to illness.

Teachers will mark those students who continue to attend School as present.

Again, I thank you for your patience and assistance in these changing times. As a Staff, we are committed to ensuring your children are educated. We will continue to update the Community with any information we receive. Just a reminder that you can contact your 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). We are currently working on a process to make this process easier for parents.

Regards



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