

## Remote Teaching & Learning

The reason schools were closed to students was to provide for “social distancing” to “minimise physical contact with each other, to help avoid the spread of Covid-19”. In order to minimise the impact on teaching and learning we are continuing to plan lessons, provide online resources and online lessons for our students. We are striving to do our best for our students by promoting learning, providing structure and meaning to each school day. This will help with student well-being as we are aware that many students are finding this new experience difficult to manage.

So from 9am on Wednesday 25th of March we will engage fully with our students as per our school timetable. Please allow some time for this arrangement to materialise in full. This is a new experience for most of us. We are all learning together.

Teachers will do their best to meet their students "live online" for half of their weekly classes. The teachers will set assignments to be completed by their students during the other classes that they are scheduled for on a weekly basis. This will provide structure to the school day for students. Homework will be assigned in the normal way. This arrangement applies to all subjects. We will use MS Teams as our primary platform to achieve this initiative, Please see related notifications on this App. Assignments and homework may be corrected during "live online classes" or online. Students will have access to their teachers during their normal class times. Email will be phased out - where a student can access email they will be able to access messaging on Teams.

When students are engaging in "remote teaching and learning" through the school Office 365 platform (Teams etc.) - normal school policies apply regarding Behaviour, ICT usage, Anti-Bullying etc. We will forward some more specific norms later.

Preparations for Remote Teaching & Learning" in MS Teams;

- Camera – Teacher – “OFF” (“On” at the discretion of the teacher).
- Camera – Student – “OFF” always.
- Microphone – Teacher – “On” – while engaging with the students .
- Microphone – Student – “OFF” – unless instructed by your teacher.