

A STUDENT GUIDE TO REMOTE LEARNING



Dear Students,

As you will now be aware, all year 7-10 students are heading back to remote and flexible learning during Term 3, which means most students will be learning from home rather than face to face learning at school. Your teachers will be working from both school and home, and all of this is to help protect the community from the negative impacts of COVID-19.

The term for students is going to start **from Monday 20th July**, and we will be working remotely **until at least August 19th**. The Government will decide what happens beyond that date in a few weeks.

A QUICK SUMMARY OF REMOTE LEARNING

- Sign in on Compass before 10.30am using the STAR attendance tab
- The work for the day will be in the lesson plans for your classes
 - Attend your online WebEx sessions with your teachers
 - Give the work your best effort
 - Ask your teachers and peers for help (by emailing them)
 - Hand in the weekly learning task for each subject

How will I know what to do for the lessons?

This time your teachers are creating weekly learning plans. This means the lesson plans on Compass will explain the tasks you need to do across the whole week.

Will I be having WebEx sessions?

YES, and these will be so important that we are making them compulsory. You must attend your WebEx session as your teachers will be explaining tasks and they will be providing answers and feedback in these sessions also.

All Year 10 subjects will have 2 WebEx sessions per week.

For 7-9 English and Maths you will have 2 WebEx sessions per week.

For all other subjects you will have 1 WebEx session per week.

What work will I be handing in?

Every subject will have Learning Tasks that you need to hand in, and you hand these in on the Learning Tasks page in Compass.

There are fewer Learning Tasks this time around compared to Term 2, and this is because lots of students said there was too much work and there were too many tasks which made it confusing.

How many Learning Tasks will there be?

All Year 10 subjects will have 1 Learning Task per week
English and Maths will still have 1 Learning Task per week.
Other subjects will have 1 Learning Task every 2 weeks.

For most learning tasks there will be only 1 task to hand in – rather than needing to hand in lots of different things each week. Hopefully that makes it easier for you to keep track of what to do and what to hand in.

What if I need help?

All of your teachers will say the same thing – ask for help! We are here and we are working and we want to help. The easiest way to ask for help is to email your teacher from Compass. They will get back to you quickly and work with you to help you through this. You will need to use your school Compass email to communicate with the teachers.

You can also ask another adult, one of your friends, you could ask Google or you could always have a go and make a mistake – sometimes that is the best way to learn. It is also okay if learning is a little slower when learning from home. Your teachers won't be setting quite as much work as they normally would, and if you are having trouble just let them know and ask for help.

What if I don't do it?

Well, your teachers will be giving feedback to help you learn and fix your mistakes. If you don't do the work, then you won't get that learning and you will fall behind. You will also lose some of your learning habits that will really help you once you get back to school – habits like writing quickly, thinking critically and just being used to doing school work.

Some students were surprised that we didn't set detentions when you returned to school for work that wasn't done. We don't want to punish kids just because you had a tough time in remote learning and we want you to look forward to coming back to school. We did reward and acknowledge lots of students for fantastic work however.

At the end of the day your school work is important and it is important for your learning and your mental health that you do your best to keep up with the work and keep interacting with your peers and teachers as often as you can.

Your teachers will be contacting you and your parents if you aren't completing your school work because we know it is really important that you are doing something in this time. ***The most important thing is just to give it a go and do your best.***

What feedback will I receive?

When you hand work in, your teachers will work as quickly as possible to acknowledge the work by sending you a short message to say they received your work. Most of the feedback you will receive will be through the WebEx sessions, where you will have the opportunity to correct your work and ask any questions you might have about the work.

What materials do I need to do Remote Learning?

You'll need a computer and internet access. You need your textbooks and workbooks as well as your pencil case. You will also need a suitable place to study – preferably a desk or table away from distractions such as TV.

Will I still have CATs?

You will have at least 1 CAT per subject during Term 3.

What if I'm having technical issues?

Our IT support staff have set up an email address to assist students and parents with IT support during this time. Please email any issues to: ithelpdesk@cdsc.vic.edu.au

A quick point about student behaviour and cyberbullying

These are difficult times, and everyone is experiencing a change in the way life works for them. The best and most important thing you can do for your friends and other students in your classes is to **be kind**. Even if there is someone else out there who isn't being overly kind to you the best thing you can do to combat this is to **be kind**.

Bullying and anti-social behaviour has no place in our school – and anytime someone experiences bullying they become negatively affected. They are at a greater risk of anxiety and depression and their grades and health likely to suffer.

Your responsibility is to act with integrity and respect at all times. Please choose **not** to be a person who spreads hate online. If you see something that you don't like, you can choose to ignore it, you can choose to report it, or you can choose instead to respond with kindness. Please help spread this message, and if you see any cyberbullying or behaviour you think is not okay please speak up by emailing your teacher or House Leader.

If you have any concerns about anything, please ask

If your concern is about your subjects, ask your teachers.

If your concern is about your wellbeing, please write to your House Leaders.

And as always, please speak to and support each other. Speak with your family and friends – using your support networks to keep you positive and focused, and ensuring that your family and friends are doing the same. Be kind to each other and take care.

Best of luck for Term 3.