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## Compass notification to Mano families

### Remote Learning commences Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August is a Pupil Free Day – Mano staff are preparing for Remote Learning.

This notice provides families with some important updates and please be mindful that further notifications will be shared in coming days and adjustments might be necessary.

Team Leaders and School Leaders have met today and would like to affirm the following arrangements for Remote Learning.

- Classroom teachers will prepare in their Teams and share on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** an online program focusing on Positive mental health, Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry studies.
- Specialist teachers (Art, PE, Science, Library, Performing Arts) will prepare as a Team a program for **Fridays of each week**.
- On each day (Monday to Thursday), students are asked to upload completed work for teacher feedback on at least one area of – Writing, Reading, Numeracy, Inquiry studies.
- Specialist teachers (some of whom are not rostered for work on a Friday), will provide feedback and acknowledgment of completed work between one Friday and the next.
- Student 'attendance' rolls are expected to be marked daily by classroom teachers. They will do so as a result of online evidence of student engagement in the daily learning program. 'Absences' can be loaded on Compass by parents eg: ill health and inability to participate in Remote Learning.
- Daily instructional and 'good morning' videos will again be a feature of our program.
- At this stage, consideration of online conferencing (using Webex) with students (perhaps as a class or in small groups) is being further investigated by staff.
- Onsite supervision – to support the urgency and purpose of the Stage 3 restrictions in Geelong, we anticipate that all families will be self-isolating and minimising social interactions. Remote learning means that students learn from home and teachers work from home. **Only** in preapproved cases (via contacting the Principal or Assistant Principal) may students be able to attend for onsite supervision on particular days.
- 'Student of the week' nominations will continue to be awarded and 'presented' via the Principal's Monday morning video. Weekly Thursday Mano Times newsletters will continue to be produced.

This period of Remote Learning comes soon after the last one – we all must take care of ourselves, our loved ones and support the health of the community. Wearing masks certainly reminds us of the seriousness of this second wave of COVID-19 in Victoria. We respect that students learning from home places a great strain on family dynamics and that we can ‘only do our best’. Some days will be trickier than others and on some days students will be more productive with their learning than on others. Together we’ll be ok; please keep in close communication with the teachers – they are there to help and make adjustments as needed. I so look forward to our safe return to face to face teaching at Mano!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Rowland', written in a cursive style.

Barry Rowland, Principal.

And many thanks to the delightful Mano family who dropped in scones, jam and cream today - morning tea for the staff! Much appreciated 😊