



Community Bulletin

Return to Remote and Flexible Learning

Thursday 15th July 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I have just participated in an online briefing for Principals with DET Deputy Secretary David Howes and he has confirmed the following:

- We are entering a five day lockdown commencing at 11:59pm tonight (Thursday) and ending at 11:59pm Tuesday 20th July.
- For schools this means a return to Remote and Flexible Learning. Students who are vulnerable or whose parents can't work from home as they are authorised workers are able to attend onsite.
- The conditions of the Remote and Flexible Learning period are identical to the short-sharp lockdown in Term 2.
- Remote and Flexible Learning commences tomorrow with an abridged program that prioritises connecting with students and families and ensuring that all resources are set up for the full Remote and Flexible Learning Program on Monday and Tuesday.
- The DET Operations Guide will be out ASAP – likely to be tomorrow morning
- Camps, excursions and sports events need to be postponed

This is not the start to the Term that we wanted but the health advice is clear and following this advice will enable us to get on top of the virus and get back to being onsite with our students, colleagues and community.

Here are some further details as they relate to FCPS:

- **Remote and Flexible Learning Program** - you will receive a Compass post this evening from your teacher/s regarding the details of the learning program for tomorrow (Friday). This will include Webex details for online sessions with classroom teachers and learning activities for the day.
- **Onsite attendance** is available on Friday 16th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July for:
 1. Children whose parents and/or carers are authorised workers who cannot work from home and where no other supervision arrangements can be made, including children of teachers in government schools who are required to return to work on-site.
 2. Children experiencing vulnerability, including:
 - ~ children in out-of-home care
 - ~ children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
 - ~ children identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other mental health service).

The online application form for requesting onsite attendance can be accessed [here](#).



If you are requesting attendance onsite for **Friday 16th July**, please submit your response no later than **7am** on the morning of Friday 16th July to allow for adequate staffing.

- **Provision of devices** - further information will be communicated tomorrow (Friday) about the provision of school devices for those families requiring them for the Remote and Flexible Learning Program on Monday and Tuesday

I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the support we receive from families and the FCPS community more broadly, particularly during these challenging times. We all benefit from the strong culture of collaboration and connectedness at FCPS and it sees us well prepared to respond to these challenging times.

I also want to acknowledge the outstanding staff at FCPS who continue to play such a crucial role for our students and families. They go about their work with commitment and enthusiasm, demonstrating a calm resolve and resilience that provides a reference point for those around them.

We can look after ourselves and one another by remaining connected, and so we encourage you to reach out for whatever support you may need in the coming days.

Thank you, take care and keep safe,

Jessie Hand
Principal