

## Remote Learning Years 8-10

For students in this age group, maintaining routine, physical activity and connections with others is paramount. It will be in students' best interests to have some structure in their day so we would urge parents to co-construct a timetable with your child that works well for the whole family.

For example

10-1	School tasks
1-2	Lunch- Social media/ TV/ gaming break
2-4	Independent activity - Learn something new/ hobbies/ reading
4-5	Physical activity
5-6	Social media/ TV/ gaming break
Dinner	
After dinner	Check school feedback on classroom/email Additional study time for students enrolled in VCE subjects

We suggest that 3 hours per day are devoted solely to direct learning tasks, in a designated study area *without the distraction of television, gaming or social media*. If you can set these boundaries early then your child is more likely to manage the continuation of their education as well as their physical and mental health.

Each student in years 8-10 has a Google site, like a blog page where they can add work. This site can act as a portfolio to provide evidence of the work they have been doing at home. Please ask your child to show you this.

Every subject has its own Google Classroom, where teachers will add classwork, give feedback on work and provide resources. This should be the first place students visit each day when they start their 'study' time.

Each student also has a school Gmail account. This should be checked regularly and is the preferred method of communication between students and teachers.

We are also investigating the use of Webex Meeting or Microsoft Teams, programs where many people can 'meet' in a video meeting together. At times, teachers may choose to present lessons this way so they can provide direct instruction and feedback. Invitations to these meetings will occur via Classroom and email.

Teachers will be available for direct feedback between the hours of 11am and 2pm every day. They will not be able to respond outside these times, although you may leave questions for them to answer the following day.

Our resource page will be continually updated with the new ideas that will inevitably arise during this new learning environment.

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