



EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

13 July 2020

Dear Oakleigh Grammar Prep to Year 9 Parents

As anticipated in my most recent correspondence, our Premier has confirmed that students from Prep to Year 9 will remain at home under a remote learning model during the six-week lockdown period. Our School and Community support these measures which are designed to control the spread of COVID-19 within the broader community.

Our Senior School and Arrowsmith Programme will be conducted on Campus as well as our ELC Program in accordance with the advice from the relevant Authorities.

Oakleigh Grammar's Remote Learning model, which was developed earlier this year will be implemented from Monday 20 July, with some necessary adjustments having been made in each sub-school based on feedback from staff, students and parents (see attachment). Our teachers are preparing to support all students and will use their experience from Term Two to refine and improve this facilitation. Whilst it is clear there may be challenges of schooling from home, particularly for parents in motivating children, overall the feedback last term from parents and students was positive.

As in any learning environment, some students will thrive with online learning and others will find it difficult. Our teachers are aware of this and will adapt and support students as required. An opportunity for your children to gather text books and other resources from their lockers or from their classrooms will be made available during the course of this week and a separate communication will be provided to you about this process shortly.

Special Needs Based Student Supervision

Our School campus will be available for the supervision of those students whose parents have no alternative options for care or supervision of their children during the lockdown period. These parents / carers include but may not be limited to:

- COVID-19 front line workers who do not work from home
- Single parents who do not work from home

Every supervision request will be assessed on a case by case basis for approval by the School.

Any student approved to attend the School campus will be expected to follow strict hygiene and social distancing protocols throughout their time on site. The curriculum will be delivered online to these students in the same remote teaching and learning manner as their cohorts learning from home. These students will receive supervision only on campus. ALL teaching remains online with their class teacher. Approved students will be required to bring their laptop or iPad, text and workbooks, stationery, recess and lunch.



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If you would like to request this **supervision only** service for your child, please fill in the online form by clicking the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OGSC-T3> with your reasons and validity for eligibility. The School will aim to process your request within three working days from receipt.

Please note, it is the School's overwhelming preference for students to remain at home for their classes in line with our Premier's statement that "*Most students in Victorian schools in areas under Stage 3 'Stay at Home' restrictions will return to flexible and remote learning for the start of Term 3, limiting the number of people moving across our State to help slow the spread of coronavirus.*" "*Keeping kids home from school was a vital part of slowing the spread of coronavirus before, and it will be vital to our efforts again.*"

Thank you

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, understanding and care of each other. The critical aim of every Melburnian is to reduce and prevent Community Transmission of the Coronavirus. As a School Community we prioritise the health and wellbeing of our staff and students and to that end we ask that all of our families 'stay at home' as much as possible.

Whilst the period of 'lockdown' has been earmarked at six weeks by the Premier, this period may be shorter or longer contingent on Community transmission data trends.

May God Bless you and your family at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment



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DAILY STRUCTURE

9:00 am - 3:15 pm
4 x 75 minute sessions



TEACHING & LEARNING MODEL

A focus on specific learning intentions and success criteria to help us to:

- Build, consolidate and extend our knowledge
- Learn new skills
- Connect and collaborate



OUR CLASSES

- Mix of online/offline
- Direct teaching, collaboration and independent learning
- Student interactive
- Guided and self-paced

KEY PLATFORMS

- Microsoft Teams
- Oakleigh Grammar email
- Firefly (Years 6-12)
- Providing resources, live or recorded lessons, support and discussion



RELEVANT

SUSTAINABLE

CONTINUATION OF LEARNING

RIGOROUS

OAKLEIGH GRAMMAR REMOTE LEARNING

ACTIVE

EXPERIENTIAL

RELATIONAL

RESPONSIVE

STAYING CONNECTED

Maintaining our connections and continuing to develop our relationships remain our top priority



DAILY CONSOLIDATION OF LEARNING

An opportunity to:

- Complete tasks
- Submit work
- Work on extended tasks
- Seek assistance from your teachers



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