

Fact Sheet 3: Frequently Asked Questions

The aim of this fact sheet is to answer some of the most commonly asked questions.

How many hours in a day will my child be doing school work?

School will NOT look like a regular day. Students will spend approximately 2- 3 hours a day completing allocated learning tasks. Our teachers have planned lessons based on DET (Department of Education & Training) recommendations:

Prep to Grade 2:

- Literacy activities that take a total of about 45-60 minutes
- Numeracy activities of about 30-45 minutes
- Additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity of about 30-45 minutes.

Grades 3 to 6:

- Literacy: 45-60 minutes
- Numeracy: 30-45 minutes
- Physical activities: 30 minutes
- Additional curriculum areas: 90 minutes.



Where will I find this school work?

- On the school website. <https://murrumbeenaps.vic.edu.au/>
- Click on the 'Teaching and Learning' tab
- Then click 'remote learning' from the drop down menu.
- Print your child's year level weekly plan

When does my child have to do their school work?

Aside from the daily 'online lesson' with the teacher, your child can do their school work at any time that suits your family.

Many parents will be working from home so you can schedule time to help your child between your own online and work commitments. Most students from year 3 upwards should be able to work without parent help. The younger ones will need some parental guidance.

When is the 'daily online lesson'? (This will commence on Monday 20th April)

For next week, children will be having their first online lesson at the times below. After the first week, we will review lesson times based on feedback.

	9:00am	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am	11:00am
Daily online class lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep• Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3• Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4

On what online platform will the lesson be presented?

We will be using 'Webex Meetings' to connect students with their teachers and each other. (It's a bit like Zoom).

- Teachers will be sending parents a link to access their Webex classroom.
- Please also refer to 'Fact Sheet 4' which provides parents with instructions on how to download Webex Meetings.
- Our goal is to have all students connected on Webex by the end of the week. (Friday 17th)

What is Seesaw and Google Classroom?

These platforms are where students will upload their work for the teacher's feedback. Teachers will let you know what work should be submitted and by when.

Seesaw – is for Prep to Year 4 students to upload their work to the classroom teacher.

Google Classroom- Year 5 and 6 will continue to use google classroom to share their work

How can I communicate with the teacher?

- Email: Teachers will provide you with details about how and when you can contact them.
- Seesaw: Teachers will provide parents with details about how parents can use this platform.

Please be patient if your teacher does not respond to your email straight away. Teachers have additional responsibilities which are scheduled making it impractical to constantly check and respond to email throughout the day. *Each teacher will set aside time to respond to parent communications.*

So what will the teachers be doing when they are not online for the daily lesson?

- Making instructional videos for parents and students (then posting them to Seesaw / Google Classroom)
- Planning for and conducting the daily online class lesson
- Planning the weekly lessons in collaboration with their year level team to post to the website.
- Checking, correcting and providing feedback to students about their work
- Conducting small group or individual lessons online (on a needs basis)

What if my child is sick and can't do their school work?

Teachers will continue to 'mark the roll' twice a day. They will assume the child is fit and able to do their school work and participate in online lessons. Unfortunately, if teachers don't mark the roll, the automated COMPASS system will send parents an 'absence' SMS.

If your child is ill, please use COMPASS to mark your child absent from school and provide the reason.

PARENT WELFARE

We understand that children behave very differently at school compared to home. We know there will be many challenges:

- Tantrums will be thrown
- A simple quick task can turn into a lengthy, excruciating marathon
- Organisation and time management skills (with kids) will be tested.

We understand and we're here to help you.

If you're having problems, please let your teacher know and together you'll find some solutions.

We are all in this together. Many of our teachers are just like you! They are also trying to manage space in their home so partners can work, they are also teaching their own children, or looking after their toddlers and juggling their own work commitments at the same time.

We look forward to embarking on this journey with you.