

Principal's Update

1 April 2020

Dear all,

Well as we enter our second week of student online learning, I hope that you are all coping with the added complexity of working from home as well as having one or more students doing the same.

We are all on a sharp learning curve and we are trying to ensure that your students have plenty of work, that the work is diverse (not just all screen time) and that we build into the students' day at home opportunity for breaks.

To that end I have attached a "Day Structure" (timetable B) which I encourage the students to follow. It parallels their day of five periods and has built in time to access Google classroom or Google Meet or Zoom.

There are also suggestions on the side of the document for students to do if they have down time.

I have also included a student online learning handbook. This handbook has a number of explanations on how to access the different software packages being used by the school as well as what is their education email address. The little booklet also includes protocols for participating in Zoom classrooms.

At the executive meeting this morning it was confirmed that all students in Years 7-12 will complete an assessment task in term 2. The assessment tasks may be modified to reflect the online environment. Class teachers or Head Teachers will send information about the assessment task early in term 2.

All Year 12 will have completed two assessment tasks by the end of term 1. All Year 11 will have completed one assessment tasks by the end of term 1.

Year 12 reports for semester one (term 4, 2019 and term 1, 2020) were posted to families yesterday. Reports for all other years will follow the timeline as stated in the MHS calendar.

All teachers have been asked to include weekly tasks to be submitted for their subject. If the work is not submitted then the teacher or another staff member will ring the family to ensure the student has access to technology, is well and is following the daily school routine. It is expected that students regard the learning being delivered online in the same way and with the same expectations that would exist if they were at school.

As mentioned in an earlier update if you have concerns regarding your students wellbeing please contact us as we can put you in touch with welfare support. I have also attached a document that relates to "Resources for Adolescents during online learning".

If you have any concerns don't hesitate to contact us, we are keen to make this learning experience as rich as possible for your students.

Best wishes

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