



Connected Learning at Walliston Primary School

Teacher Expectations



Background

Due to the COVID-19 virus, schools are being asked to prepare themselves to provide teaching and learning programs remotely. For many schools and teachers, this may be a challenge.

Although many staff may find teaching in this way a challenge, we also acknowledge that we have a good deal of knowledge and expertise amongst us. We must be able to share this knowledge and work as a team.

It is anticipated that teachers' ability to provide online learning will improve as they become more familiar with the types of resources available, the potential of *Connect*, *Seesaw*, *Webex* and the feedback of students and parents.

Expectations

Expectations from all parties – teachers, parents and students must be realistic.

Families will prioritise the health and well-being of their family. Avoid putting pressure on families.

It is expected that teachers provide suitable and appropriate teaching and learning programs.

The teaching and learning program may look very different to what we provide in the classroom.

It is not expected that students will have 6 hours of schoolwork each day. Do not think you need to fill the day with work. *See the WPS sample timetables or ask your class teacher for guidance.*

Parents will do what they can in respect to online teaching/ learning programs, given their skills and the everyday demands they face.

A Family Online Safety Contract has been added to the school website for you to discuss and use with your family in relation to Screentime and Safe Online Behaviours.

At the end of this, students won't remember everything, but they will remember how they felt. Hopefully, they will have felt connected, safe and remain healthy.

Guiding Principles of Distance Learning

Keep it simple - this is a time of crisis. As a school, we are here to support a model of education that is equitable and fun, that maintains a safe home learning environment for all.

Maintain Relationships - the relationships that you and your children have with their teachers, as well as the relationships that they have with their peers and families is important to maintain and embrace. This sense of belonging remains essential for positive mental health.

Clear Expectations - teachers, students and families will have a clear understanding of what is to be expected. We all understand that everyone will be doing their best.

Be Kind - this is new for everyone. There will be opportunities for feedback as we continue further down the Distance Learning model. Please take the time to give constructive feedback when called upon. Be kind to each other, your children, our staff and teachers. We are all in this together.

A 'Distance Learning Protocols' information sheet has been added to the school website to guide distance learning behaviours for Students, Parents and Staff.

Work Distribution & Collection

Work will be distributed to students and parents via Seesaw and Connect, on the Sunday before each school week. *Please see the 'Accessing Seesaw for Students' guide on the school website for student access to learning activities.*

It will be the responsibility of the students and parents to log on to the appropriate platform and access the work for the week.

If families have difficulties with access and printing of resources, they will need to let the school know and arrangements will be made to access the appropriate resources.

Communication with Parents/Students

This will be via *Seesaw, Connect*, email, school phone or webex conferencing.

The first couple of weeks may require a good deal of communication as students/parents become familiar with the online teaching/learning.

Please minimise your *Connect* notices. We do not want to overwhelm parents with multiple notices.

Accountability

The roll will not be taken for students learning from home, however, if your child is unwell, there is an expectation that the school is informed via the usual methods (*Connect*, website or email). The Department of Education has directed that all students will be expected to engage with Distance Learning.

Students at Walliston Primary School will be expected to upload specified 'Must Do' activities through *Seesaw* and *Connect*, directly to teachers.

Reporting to Parents – Semester One

At this stage schools have not received any directive regarding the writing of student reports.

Please remember that at Walliston Primary School, we are trying to keep everything as simple as we can. Your family's health and well-being is at the forefront of our curriculum and work packages.