



Modbury West School

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope this communication finds you well and keeping dry. We have had a few drains overflowing and leaks, but our students have managed to get outside for most recess and lunch breaks this week.

How resilient are our students?

We can be so proud of our students who are saying farewell to their families at the gates. Students are becoming more independent each day. I am noticing Foundation students carrying their backpacks, unpacking their lunch boxes and drink bottles to get themselves ready for learning. Teachers are seeing engaged students and rigorous learning. Students are playing with a wider friendship group, are washing their hands, covering coughs and sneezes with ease.

Well done parents/carers as you support this new learning and show your children you trust them as they take responsibility.

We continue to ask you to say farewell to children in the morning at the various school boundaries.

The same applies to afternoon pick-up arrangements. Staff will be at the gates to direct students and support this process. We say thank you and appreciate your support in keeping our school safe!

Learning at home-the path forward

We are experiencing increasing student numbers and we anticipate that most students will be returning to school next week. As you can understand a return to face to face teaching will now require teachers to spend their day addressing and supporting the needs of their students in class and so we will be transitioning away from online learning.

On Monday 4th May: we begin our week 2 learning programme. Families will be emailed information about the daily learning program for the week and supportive tasks will be provided for this learning. However teachers **will not be able to be on line during the school day** to answer questions about learning. Teacher's response to online questions will have to be after school. Students should check in with teachers in the morning through Teams or Seesaw. Parents please email the teacher or contact the school, if they receive an absence text.

From Monday 11th May: we continue face to face teaching and **will not be providing online learning** unless the school is closed because of a case of COVID-19. Students who need to continue learning from home will be provided with paper tasks and will need to contact the school to arrange how these resources get home. Links to websites can continue to be accessed and the Department for Education has resources on their website. <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>

Attendance is vital as long as your child is well

Please remember that Students come to school, unless they are sick and we will ask you to collect them if we feel they are unwell. You can email the school at dl.1210.info@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 08 82650900 if students are away or have a need to continue to learn from home.

Acknowledgement of Modbury West's great staff

Our staff have managed an amazing week providing face to face learning for larger classes than anticipated and connected with students online. They are resilient and have been rigorous in their approach to the demands of this new system. I have utmost respect for all staff. I thank Michelle who led the school so capably in my absence at the end of term 1 to this positive place. Our administration staff, grounds person, Support service officers and teachers are learners, flexible and compassionate individuals each working together to support the team. As part of this team, I welcome back our Wellbeing leader on Monday! Jess will be back in her office and around the school for the rest of term 2.

**Kind regards,
Sue Wirth
Principal**



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