



**Alkira**  
Secondary College

*Personalised learning for all. Respect for the individual learner.*

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### **Thank you**

It is almost surreal walking around the school without the usual staff and students. I miss the noise, excitement and catching up with everyone.

It has been a very challenging week for all of us. I thank all Parents/Guardians for your confidence, support and feedback as we all took our first steps on a rather unusual, unique and exciting journey. My biggest challenge is to sustain our programs and efforts over the next ten weeks.

Your cooperation is always valued but your communication is now absolutely critical to help us manage the continuation of learning for our students.

As a Parent/Guardian you can best support their learning by Access Compass every day to check news feed, posts and develop an understanding of your child's experiences.

Check your emails, our webpage or facebook on a regular basis.

You can still contact the school during office hours on 59913500 or email the Principal at [alkira.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:alkira.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

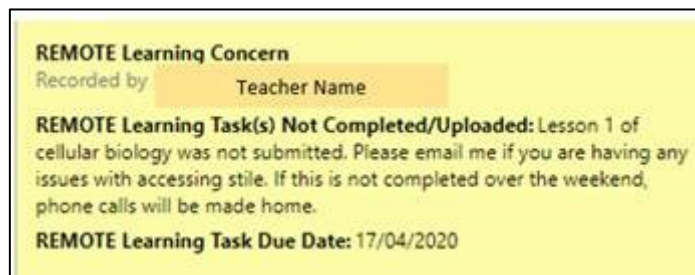
Please be advised and understand that under present Government regulations parents are not permitted on site.

### **Some common observations and advice from our first five days of "Learning from Home"**

- During week one we averaged about 4 students each day who were unable to work from home and participated in the "Learning from Home" program at the College.
- Staff are working enormous hours to support your child (and many are looking after their own children at home as well)..... If you email them please be patient, they will reply
- Any student "learning from Home" is assumed to be in attendance and marked present. If your child is unable to participate in any of the lessons or classes during the day due to illness or other you should phone the College or go into Compass and approve their absence. We will then advise your child's teachers.
- The College is strictly monitoring your child's engagement and participation in the "learning from Home" program and will be making alerts and contact parents when issues become apparent.
- At present the College has no devices to give out to students  
If you informed your child's Home group teacher that you do not have a laptop or sufficient internet or have contacted the College since to request a laptop, we have included your request in a submission to the Department. The College cannot guarantee that we will get a sufficient number of devices to cover all requests.
- Any student who cannot access a device at all or cannot access our online learning program can come to school to use their own assigned College desktop until this issue is resolved. The College has strict processes in place at school regarding hygiene and social distancing to ensure our staff and students remain safe during this time.
- The college is working through a large number of refunds for excursions, camps and activities that have been cancelled due to the Covid 19 Coronavirus restrictions.
- College Council will continue to meet online. Next week's meeting will approve our Annual Report and a Covid 19 Coronavirus Financial Contingency plan that needs to be implemented
- I encourage all parents/guardians & their families to open our online Anzac experience via Compass news feed and thank our student leaders for initiating this program for our community

## “Learning from Home”

- While our teachers will continue to provide ongoing feedback of your child’s experiences and progress during this term we are also looking at providing interim and semester reports.
- Please keep your child’s teachers informed of any concerns or needs of your child. We remain concerned that *none* of our students lose touch with their learning or become disengaged during this time.
- If you, as a parent are seeing on Compass an Amber posts like below and/or receiving an email from your child’s teachers it is alerting you to the fact that your child has not completed a task set by the teacher. You need to discuss this with your child and have them complete the task or email their teacher for further support.



## Online Behaviour and Online Safety

If the College becomes aware of inappropriate behaviour of students, this could even be students logging into other classes that they are not enrolled in, we will work collaboratively and in partnership with the family. Normal reporting processes around behaviour concerns will be posted on Compass. The College will continue to impose consequences for poor and disruptive behaviours.

Please be aware that this includes online behaviour that might occur outside of school hours involving members of our community. Please note that certain online behaviours are illegal and can become police matters. The College ICT policy makes it very clear about behaviours from students expected online.

Our parents and students can find useful information to help them stay safe online by visiting the *eSafety* Commissioner Young People page. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people>

Parents and Students can also report cyberbullying, image-based abuse or illegal and harmful content to the *eSafety* Commissioner.

This page also has information about frequently asked questions and how the *eSafety* Commissioner can handle reports. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/report>

I have attached information from Anglicare: [Parents building solutions online.](#)

There is some great advice to help families cope and support online learning.

I am very proud of our Alkira community. *Adversity doesn't build character, it reveals it.*

I wish you all the best during this most challenging time.

I recognise that today marks the start of Ramadan for many of our families and they will be involved in a period of prayer, fasting, charity-giving and self-accountability.

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