Mitchelton State School Home Learning Policy

In the instance that the school has been closed due to a lockdown, our **school website** becomes the first source of information. This information may be duplicated on our school and P & C Facebook pages however our school website www.mitcheltonss.eq.edu.au should be the central reference point.

Once the extent of the lockdown (full closure, short term closure, school open to essential workers etc) is announced parents can expect to receive regular communication from the school via email.

Staff will endeavour to minimise the stream of information as much as possible but ask parents to be patient with this process.

The types of electronic communication parents can expect to receive includes:

COMMUNICATION

- Weekly School Updates / Newsflashes from the Principal.
- Weekly Continuity of Learning information emailed by the class teacher
- Urgent messages via email / Newsflashes where necessary.

Where students are learning at home for more than 3 days, other communication parents can expect includes:

- A scheduled weekly check in teleconference between parents / students and teachers.
- Additional learning support from a staff member via teleconference
- Parents can also request assistance by emailing learninghelp@mitcheltonss.eq.edu.au.
- A flow chart outlining communication protocols for our school has been developed to assist families.

Regardless of when a lockdown occurs our priority is to ensure continuity of learning by the second school day of the lockdown.

All students will receive the same learning whether they are learning at home or are at school as a child of an essential worker or vulnerable student.

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

Class teachers will communicate how learning will be delivered via email, additional resources will be available from the school website.

The type of learning delivered will depend on the extent, both length and nature, of the lockdown. For shorter lockdowns, or in the initial phase of a lockdown, learning will be provided through a 'Learning Matrix' of activities. This will progress to technology based learning through teams, emails and teleconference as the period of learning from home continues.

Wellness is a priority for our school community during this global health and economic crisis. Parents are reminded to take mental health concerns seriously and seek help. General help is available via the following websites:

Mental Health and Wellbeing

 $\underline{\text{https://www.health.qld.gov.au/news-events/news/how-to-look-after-your-mental-wellbeing-in-acrisis}$

SUPPORT FOR WELLNESS

https://www.beyondblue.org.au/

https://kidshelpline.com.au/

Queensland Health

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-

<u>infection/diseases/coronavirus/public-info-novel-coronavirus</u>

http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/838/novel-coronavirus

Where parents or students require support from school staff for their general wellness, parents are encouraged to communicate this with the school staff as soon as possible. Parents can email or phone the school office on 3550 2333 / principal@mitcheltonss.eq.edu.au

We anticipate being able to respond to correspondence of this nature within 24 hours.