

Students learning from home

Advice for parents/carers

Parents/carers play a key role supporting students as they learn from home. This makes clear communication between teachers, students and their parent/carers even more important than usual. The following advice provides strategies for parents/carers to support their student's learning as they continue to provide routine, support and encouragement.

Set up a learning environment



To support your student/s to continue their learning away from their classroom, establish routines and expectations and ensure they have access to equipment and stationery required for learning at home. This includes pens, paper, their school-ready electronic device/s (including internet access), and a printer (if possible).

Communicate with teachers



Maintaining regular communication with your student's teachers and school will ensure clear understanding of the school work to be completed and a timeline. Remember that teachers will be communicating with many parents/carers and that you may need to remind your student/s to be patient when waiting for support or feedback.

Create a learning space



Create a quiet and comfortable learning space. A space for extended learning should be a shared space, rather than a bedroom. Your student may have a regular place for doing homework under normal circumstances, but this space may not be suitable for working in for an extended period of time. People sharing the learning space may need to be reminded to be quiet at times and, if possible, it should have internet access.

Establish a daily routine and expectations



Develop a daily routine to support your student/s as they learn from home. Start and end each day's learning with a check-in to help your student/s:

- clarify and fully understand the instructions they get from their teachers
- help them organise themselves and set priorities for their learning at home.

Daily conversations allow you to talk about your student/s learning and the support that they may need to adjust to learning at home.

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