



Remote Learning at The Currajong School

As a school community we are about to embark again on remote learning.

As principal, I have complete understanding and empathy for the anxiety and concerns that all our parents and carers are facing around supporting remote learning for your child. However, this is the situation we are faced with during the Covid19 pandemic and we need to ensure the safety of our students, families and the employees of The Currajong School.

As we again navigate and experience this journey together, we will certainly come across some bumps, crossroads and need to make some modifications along the way. However, together we need to focus on a positive and collaborative working relationship between school and home. This journey continues to evolve for The Currajong staff and for parents and carers.

All of the staff at The Currajong School, have been working around the clock overnight and on the wellbeing day to research, plan and develop high standard educational programs for the students during remote learning in this lockdown 6.0. I am very proud of what the staff have come up with, being creative and thinking outside the box, but also ensuring it has the ability for parents/carers to understand and deliver.

Teachers will continue to reflect on the planning, what is working and what is not, and as families you are more than welcome to make adaptations and modifications where you see fit. We also understand that you may not be able to do 'education' with your child in a structured format, so simply just do it at a time that is right for you, and complete what you can when you can.

I have put together this document to provide clarity and consistency in communication of what remote learning will look like at The Currajong School. My hope is that this document provides more certainty, structure, supports and relieves some anxiety around what will be happening.

Remember our staff are only an email, or if you request it a single zoom call away. Once this lockdown has passed and we are all able to remain safe and healthy, I look forward to seeing everyone and when we are allowed, celebrating our remote learning achievements, and connecting personally with one another.

Rhett Watts
Principal

LEARNING

At Currajong School we are dedicated to ensuring that we are looking after our school community and that everyone is safe, feels supported and is continuing to learn and grow during this lockdown period.

During remote learning we will be using **Google Classroom, Zoom and the Seesaw platform** across the school to communicate the learning activities for the week. This will provide focussed activities and two daily tutorial lessons via zoom.

As a school we have developed a remote learning plan that is supportive for our students and families. Remote learning could be considered to be any of the following;

- Completing learning tasks at home by the timetable.
- Completing learning tasks at any time of the day – *in whatever way best suits for your schedules*

Remote learning is applicable for all students. We understand for most of our students they are able to complete tasks independently, however to support our families, Teachers will provide two zoom lessons each day. All school staff will directly support and engage in individual students' remote learning. Parents/Carers will be required to support their child's learning during the day.

Teachers will post daily instructions through the Seesaw App, this will be the platform for Communication between School and Home for students. Google Classroom will still be used for work activities/tasks and integrated through the Seesaw App.

Please ensure that you have access to your emails and google classroom and frequently visit **Google Classroom and Seesaw** for your child's classroom program. You should expect to see weekly updates of focus activities in **Seesaw and Google Classroom** for:

- English
- Maths
- Other specialist lessons

Supplementary activities have may be provided through the generic extension activities that our teachers will come up with and allocate on Google classrooms. Such as Currajong Challenges, Clubs folder, Art, HPE and Dance.

We encourage students to take photos, screen shots etc and share all their learning during remote learning. The teachers will explain to students expectations for this.

Alongside the Teachers planned activities and the generic activities provided, Parents & Carers can also do the following to add to the learning and education of your child;

- Include regular movement and physical activity in the day this may be online that the child copies, playing games outside, going for a walk etc.
- Use the number of websites provided that provide a number of online and passive activities that students may be able to do independently and still get them engaged and learning.
- Provide opportunities for life skills and personal learning: such as cooking, tidying bedrooms, dressing, feeding animals etc.

COMMUNICATION

Communication to families will be provided through **email/ and parent Seesaw app** on the focus learning activities for the week. Please make sure that you also regularly check emails for other updates provided by Rhett & the leadership team.

If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher about their learning, this can be done through **email**, however our aim is to transition to the Seesaw platform, staff will support families with this.

If you need to communicate with the school around other issues, (e.g. welfare, other concerns), you can contact the school email, **admin@currajong.vic.edu.au**, or through a direct email to the relevant contact provided.

Telephone or zoom calls to students and families will be available from our staff, and times can be arranged between the staff and the families for an appropriate time negotiated that works best for the staff member and the families. **Note: that ALL STAFF will be having their phones on a private number when they call as this is our policy they are not able to hand out their personal numbers.**

I believe it is important to ensure that our students still have connection to the school and the staff, therefore I have asked the classroom teachers to provide two zoom sessions each day. A morning check-in that will lead into the English Session and then a Mathematics zoom tutorial lesson. There is additional Zoom for specialists as per the timetable.

Parent coaching on how to run the activities for the students will also be available from the Teachers at an agreed time. This may take the form of instructions on Seesaw or Google Classrooms.

Our staff will only be making contact and communicating generally between, their normal scheduled work hours of 8.30-4.00pm, however they have commitments such as online meetings that will still be taking place that may affect times they respond and communicate. We also need to appreciate that a number of staff have their own children at home and need to provide remote learning for them, so staff may arrange alternate times for communication outside of 8.30-4,00pm as agreed to with families. Please note all of our staff will respond and communicate as soon as possible based on their individual circumstances during this time.

STUDENT WELLBEING

During remote learning we still place a high priority on ensuring the health and wellbeing of our students. Our teachers will be using the morning check in to see how students are travelling. Our allied Health team have also been given scheduled sessions with students.

As per normal school practice if a teacher is unwell, during this period, they will not be answering messages or responding to student work, however the teacher assistant, allied health or leadership team will support your classes learning.

TIMETABLE

The school has provided a timetable and schedule for you to follow that will provide structure for your child's learning. It is highly recommended you follow the timetable. However, families need to find a system that works best for them and slots into their own commitments to working from home.

At Currajong we understand that you may not complete all of the learning activities, and this is absolutely fine. We understand that you may need to alter and adapt some of the learning activities, this is also ok. This is continuing to be a new learning experience for parents, students and Currajong staff. Teaching and Learning will look different for this period of time and together we will adapt and do the very best we can to support one another.

ACCESS TO DEVICES

All students at The Currajong School, have access to an individual iPad provided by the school.

WEBSITES

ENGLISH	
Teach Starter: 1 month free for families	https://www.teachstarter.com/freeplus/?utm_campaign=202003+-+COVID-19+Update+-+AU&utm_content=202003+-+COVID-19+Update+-+AU&utm_medium=email_action&utm_source=customer.io Resources for all curriculum areas
Twinkl: 1 month membership	www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code AUSTRCODE (30 day free trial) https://www.twinkl.com.au/resources/home-education Resources for all curriculum areas
Study Ladder	https://www.studyladder.com.au/account/new-parent-signup?t=parent&r Resources for all curriculum areas
Storyline Online	https://www.storylineonline.net Actors reading storybooks
Scholastic at Home	https://www.classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome On-line books with related activities
Epic	https://www.getepic.com/ On-line books with related activities
Tumble Books	Access through https://centraliapubliclibrary.com/4377-2/ then click on tumblebooks library button. Thousands of picture books that are recorded and available for children to watch and listen to.
Vooks	www.vooks.com Parents get a month Free. Books that are turned into videos.
Storyweaver	Online Books https://storyweaver.org.in/ Free sign up
Wushka Readers	https://wushka.com.au/login/ (Teachers have the students individual logins and can email these to you)

MATHS	
TeachStarter	https://www.teachstarter.com/
Twinkl	https://www.twinkl.com.au
Study Ladder	https://www.studyladder.com.au/
Smash maths	https://www.smashmaths.com.au/ A variety of on-line maths activities

LIFE SKILLS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	
Woolworths	www.woolworths.com/shop/recipes/fresh-food-kids/cooking-with-kids

Taste	www.taste.com
The Kitchn	https://www.thekitchn.com/
Victorian Government's Health Site	http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/early-childhood-services/curriculum-activities/cooking-with-kids
Cosmic Kids	www.cosmickids.com Physical exercise activities
Blue Earth	www.bluearth.org Physical exercise activities
YouTube	www.youtube.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm-Up Songs • Cooking Activities

THE ARTS

Pinterest	www.pinterest.com.au A huge range to choose from including activities of any kind
DLTK-Kids	www.dltk-kids.com A range of craft activities using boxes, paper plates, egg cartons and things you may have at home.
Teach Starter	http://www.teachstarter.com/ A wide range of activities covering all areas of the curriculum
Twinkl	www.twinkl.com.au A wide range of activities covering all areas of the curriculum, including stories with follow up activities.
Mum Junction	www.mumjunction.com Cool art and craft activities for teens
Moms and Crafters	www.momsandcrafters Cool art and craft activities for teens
National Gallery of Victoria	https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/kids/ Art activities based on real artwork held at the National Gallery of Victoria
Facebook	www.facebook.com Craft activities
YouTube	www.youtube.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Maker • Songs – Simple Songs, The Singing Walrus • Stories

OPTIONAL

Cool Australia	https://www.coolaustralia.org/ Levelled Inquiry based units of work for all year levels-
BTN	https://www.abc.net.au/btn/
A maths dictionary	http://amathsdictionaryforkids.com/
Mathletics	https://mathletics.com/au/ Parents can set up individual accounts
Abcya	https://www.abcya.com/

Nessi	https://www.nessy.com/us/
Fun Brain online games	https://www.funbrain.com/
Videos and Games	https://pbskids.org/
ABC Kids Early Education	https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/early-education/
Online activities	https://www.highlightskids.com/
ABC Television	ABC will extend its educational programming on ABC ME to support students and caregivers at home, from 10am to 3pm each weekday during Term 2. The expanded schedule moves from blocks of primary school content in the mornings through to secondary school content in the afternoons: https://ab.co/2wUljMS

Wildlife Live Cam Feeds

Wild Animals https://mashable.com/article/best-zoo-animal-livestreams/?fbclid=IwAR00awoAQvqQj4A_K3kxFiJzfbnV1H1P5qA3frsqVMlluEdeQtbatMHRel

Aust Animals:

Koala Joey Cam - <https://ab.co/33pKdAM>

Koala Train Cam - <https://ab.co/2TXbwzm>

Dingo Puppy Cam - <https://ab.co/2Wj2WN7>

Dingo Habitat Cam - <https://ab.co/3b42Qgj>

Platypus Cam - <https://ab.co/2TYHvzd>

Bird Cam (Wooloongong) - <https://ab.co/2wgnxa8>

Bird Cam (Evans Head) - <https://ab.co/38ZMWIM>

Bird Cam (Goulburn) - <https://ab.co/33oQ21A>

White Bellied Sea Eagle Cam - <https://ab.co/3d51nbD>

Skink and Dragon Cam - <https://ab.co/2WIVfWh>

Reef Cam (above water) - <https://ab.co/2Wm7ouv>

STAY HOME
STAY SAFE
SAVE LIVES