



Murray Bridge High School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your understanding through this challenging health emergency. I will aim to keep you updated with any new information as it comes to hand in a brief and easy to read format.

1. The Prime Minister indicated over the weekend that schools will remain open, and is leaving it up to parents/caregivers to decide. It's business as usual at MBHS. If you have done a risk assessment and your child's health issues place them in the vulnerable at-risk category and you choose to keep them at home, please ring and let us know. As always, if your child is showing signs of ill-health please keep them home, and seek medical attention if symptoms persist. I am very proud of my staff and the way they have been continually supporting our young people both emotionally and academically.
2. Cleaning services have been extended every evening to include sanitisation of tables, door handles etc. We have enough supplies of toilet paper, soap and tissues for you not to be worried about this, and are encouraging all students to follow thorough handwashing protocols.
3. Social distancing between students continues to be a challenge. Can you please talk to your child/ren about the need to have at least 1.5m distance between themselves and other people, as one of many protective measures they should be putting into place routinely, both in and out of school. It helps when the same consistent messages come from both school and home.
4. At Murray Bridge High School we are very fortunate to be a Google reference school, and are already utilising on-line learning opportunities. All teachers are aware to keep as much information in their google subject classrooms as possible to ensure continuity of learning whether at school or home. Students have either their own device or a chromebook provided by school, and all students can access classroom at any time. We will not send home any paper based work unless you are unable to access internet, and it will be exactly the same as what is available on-line. Through Google Classroom students have a platform for asking clarifying questions, and teachers can give feedback on drafted work. As students complete work they will submit by the due dates as per normal. If we have to close for any reason, it is important to create routines at home that mimic a school day, based on your child's timetable. As the information from overseas and interstate indicates, students could potentially be home based for a while, so they need to stay connected with learning as the major activity during the school week.
5. We have been advised by the Education Minister that NAPLAN has been cancelled for all students in 2020. While on duty we will continue to track, monitor and act on individual student's progress throughout the year and provide continuous feedback for learning.
6. Some of our young people are highly anxious about what is happening around them. Please take the time to let them talk through what they are worried about. I have included some resources that may be useful to you in your discussions.

Communication is the key, please ring or email the school if you have any queries or concerns.

Regards,

Ruth Mussger
Principal
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