



Tuesday 3 August, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Deputy Premier's announcement on Monday, of an extended lockdown until Sunday 8 August, highlights the seriousness of the current outbreak of Covid-19 and the need to adhere to strict protocols and procedures. At this difficult time, we are committed to supporting our students, families, and staff. It is our goal to maintain continuity of learning and nurture the well-being of our staff and students.

Remote Learning Outline - Monday and Tuesday:

Yesterday and today, remote learning has focused on teachers assigning student tasks appropriate to each year level linked to the following online programs:

- Mathletics – www.mathletics.com.au
- Maths Online – www.mathsonline.com.au
- Literacy Planet – www.literacyplanet.com
- Literacy Pro - scholastic.com/en/literacy-pro
- Sunshine Online – www.sunshineonline.com.au

Remote Learning Outline - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

From tomorrow, students will transition to more formalised online learning using year level specific 'Virtual Classrooms'. In 2020, 'Virtual Classrooms' provided a focal point to access content and support the learning-at-home journey. Each 'Virtual Classroom' is hosted within 'The Learning Place', a secure Education Queensland web portal. Content can be accessed via PC, laptop, tablet, iPad or iPhone (PC, laptop, tablet or iPad are the preferred devices).

How to access the Virtual Classrooms:

Students will require access to their MIS (Managed Internet Service) login. The MIS login and password provides access to the school network and a range of internet applications including email, eLearn, virtual classrooms and The Learning Place.

Each student's MIS login (ID and Password) along with usernames and passwords for Mathletics, Maths Online, Sunshine Online, Literacy Planet and Literacy Pro will be sent later today via SMS. Please check your phone and note the various usernames and passwords.

Should you experience difficulty please email: ITSupport@broadbeachss.eq.edu.au

To assist with access to the Virtual Classrooms, short tutorials were developed for home learning in 2020:

Windows Laptops (preferred approach):

[How to access the Virtual Classroom \(Windows\)](#) – PDF

[How to access the Virtual Classroom \(Windows\)](#) – YouTube video

IOS (iPad/iPhone) or Android Tablet:

[How to access the Virtual Classroom \(IOS / Android\)](#) – PDF

[How to access the Virtual Classroom \(iPad\)](#) – YouTube video

Understanding how to navigate the Virtual Classrooms:

Although online learning can't replace the explicit and systematic approach of face-to-face teaching, we have confidence the online classrooms provide a sound framework for learning, given the current context.

Many of the strategies within the lesson approaches such as WTCs (Warm Up, Teach, Consolidate), are strategies our students are accustomed to on a daily basis. Older students should have sufficient skills to navigate, independently, however parent/carer involvement will be a vital in assisting our younger students.

If students experience difficulty, please use the established teacher communication channels such as email, Class Dojo or See Saw to contact your child's teacher. In the event the lockdown and online learning is extended beyond 8 August, consideration will be given to introducing dedicated discussion boards within the Virtual Classroom, providing set times where students can communicate with their teachers and receive support, guidance and feedback as to their learning. Teachers are a valuable resource, so do not hesitate to reach out for support, however, do remember other parents may also be seeking assistance. It is recommended you consider compiling a list of questions throughout the day, prior to checking in for assistance.

To assist understanding how to navigate the Virtual Classrooms please click on the following short tutorial: [How to navigate the virtual classrooms](#)

Tips to successfully manage home learning:

- Parents are not expected to assume the complete role of classroom teacher, however, you will be an extremely important factor in motivating your child to maintain their academic learning
- Take time in your schedule to assist set-up a suitable learning space and pack it away at the end of each day
- Establish good routines and habits to support learning
- Ensure some fun throughout the day
- Where safe and practical encourage outdoor exercise
- Utilise the various [TV learning programs](#) listed on the [Learning@home](#) site
- Manage time carefully - we do not expect families and students to attend to school work every minute of the day, Monday to Friday - the school acknowledges we are within challenging times and we will work with and support families.

For some helpful information around organising and providing the best home-learning environment, please read the following helpful document provided during home learning in 2020: [Supporting your child in their transition to working at home](#)

We are committed to providing the best best possible online experience, so be assured of our support, whether it be via email, phone or SMS - we are with you every step of the way.

Regards,

Bruce Langes

Principal