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Good afternoon Parents/Caregivers,

RE: Update for COVID-19 Lockdown and Online / Distance Learning

Today our staff have been developing high quality, innovative and engaging learning resources for the duration of our current lockdown.

Teacher Letter and Week Planner

By the end of the day, you will have access to a letter from each of your child's teachers via Daymap, specifying a range of important information, including their:

- forms of communication with you,
- forms of communication with your child,
- expectations for online video conferencing or other learning sessions,
- Two week overview of Term 3, with key topics identified
 - topics/themes/key ideas being explored
 - details of video conferencing/online learning requirements
 - any upcoming due dates

These details will allow both you and your child to be prepared for online learning in Term 3.

This information will assist you to ensure your child is able to continue their learning, in an adequately-paced and structured manner whilst in the online learning environment.

Home Group Wellbeing and Attendance Check In

Every morning, from 8:40-8:55am your child's Home Group teacher will be online via Google Meets to check in on your child. All students, Years 3 – 12, are required to meet with their teacher during this time.

For students in *Years R – 2, a Seesaw communication* will be sent each morning for parents/caregivers to read through with their child.

Student Wellbeing and Support

All of our students and more broadly, families, will continue to be supported by the staff at Hallett Cove School.

Our staff are here for your child, as they always have been. Students can continue to contact their teachers as they normally do, and are encouraged to utilise our counselling services as required. Families who require support or advice during this time are also able to access support, and details can be found in our guidebook (referenced below).

Our guidebook also contains details of specific support in place for some of our identified students.

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e-Safety and Appropriate Use of Information Technology

Attached to this letter is further information in relation to our guidelines for ensuring both staff and students are safe whilst undertaking online learning.

Please carefully read the attachments with your child so that everyone can be confident the online learning environment is a safe place.

Hallett Cove School Website

On our school website, you will find a section titled COVID-19. On this menu, you will be able to access a range of resources, containing previous letters and other important information from both Hallett Cove School and the Department for Education (DfE), including details of a range of Information Technology guides and general advice for staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parent/Caregiver Guidebook

A parent/caregiver guidebook has been developed for the school community, detailing a range of information for families. Whilst it is currently still being fine-tuned for detail, it will be disseminated via email once complete. A copy will also be uploaded onto the school website.

This guidebook will continue to be updated with new information as it eventuates over the coming weeks. New versions will be emailed to all families as this occurs.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on (08) 8392 1020.

I thank you in advance for continuing to help keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Hall
A/Principal

