



**Learning Excellence
Integrity**

KELLYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

“We are a vibrant and innovative learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. Every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best through engaged, active learning in a safe, respectful and supportive school. Students will grow into global digital citizens.”

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Parental Communication 01/04/2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Things seem to have settled down this week, as we all get use to the online learning platforms. The Department of Education is constantly asking us for data, information and feedback so that they can evaluate and make changes to procedures to maximize the effect of what we are doing as a system. Most of the time, we don't need to bother parents as we have the information they need. We realize that you are all also facing the daily challenge of self-isolation and monitoring your children's education, whilst also possibly working from home. This week we have asked about access to technology, as well as vacation care needs on behalf of the Department. We would also like all parents and caregivers to provide us with feedback about how the Kellyville High School online delivery of curriculum content is going. Please follow the link below, and complete if possible by the end of this week.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHS_LearningFromHome_ParentSurvey

We plan next week, to collate this information and work with our teachers to see what needs to be changed, if we are required to continue in this method of delivery of education to start Term 2. The teachers are indicating that we need to adjust our expectations and model of delivery as students are also commenting many are finding the workload overwhelming. We are also evaluating models being used by other schools. It is likely that in Term 2, the teaching will be delivered somewhat differently, but we will ensure that whatever is required will be clearly communicated in both written form and by a video explaining exactly what students and parents and caregivers will need to do. The Department of Education has been looking at the way schools record absences. Up until this stage, all absences where parents are following the Governments advice to keep their children at home, have been marked as "Flexible" which means it is not counted towards their attendance data. We have now been asked to change the code used for any student not attending school who IS NOT completing their school work. These students will be marked as explained absences which will negatively affect their attendance data. Before this occurs, the school will make every effort to contact parents and caregivers. In some cases, teachers have been contacting parents/caregivers and have left messages, but the calls have yet to be returned. If a message has been left from the school or a teacher, please get back to us as soon as possible. The change in attendance codes makes it even more important to ensure your child/children are engaged in their learning from home, whether it be on line or in booklets. If the students indicate they don't know how to do something, please ring the school and your child can speak either directly with their teacher or a learning and support officer, who will assist them.

We are currently constructing our newsletter for this week and we would welcome stories from students, accompanied by a photo of their working from home environment if you feel comfortable, to put in the newsletter. These will need to be received by the school by Friday morning at 10am (the earlier the better) to get in this week's edition.

Yours sincerely
Jennifer Hawken
Relieving Principal