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AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Dear Junior School Parents and/or Guardians

Further to Dr Hirst's letter, please be advised of the following plans for Myrniong students.

The Early Learning Centre will run Piccolo and Piccino classes as per normal. There will be no After School Care available during the period of Remote Learning.

Tomorrow, Friday 28 May is a designated planning day for Myrniong staff. The Remote Learning Program (RLP4.0) will commence on Monday 31 May. Prep and Year 1 teachers will contact families with information on lesson delivery. Year 2-6 class teachers will teach using a combination of Microsoft TEAMS and emails. Devices and chargers will be sent home with Junior School students this afternoon.

Key information for RLP next week:

- Both Junior and Senior School students will work from the same timetable, with identical recess and lunch breaks. Recess will be 10.25 am to 10.45 am and lunch 12.15 pm to 1.00 pm. The school day will commence at 9.00 am and conclude at 2.30 pm.
- Year 6 students will access their regular lesson times for Food Technology and Science transition programs online.
- The Junior School Assembly will be re-scheduled online to Wednesday.
- We will retain the Specialist Wednesday, where Prep to Year 6 Music, Art, P.E and Chinese lessons will take place. Lesson delivery for Specialist classes will be via email or Microsoft TEAMS.
- Ms Valetta Bolton and Mrs Lou Drummond will contact families involved in our Learning Support Program and continue individual and small group sessions next week.
- Learning Aides, Mrs Rosana Marshall and Mrs Bernadine Kelvy, will be offering classroom support to their regular students.
- Sports training and competition will be suspended for the period of the lockdown.

The Junior School remains open next week for students of parents who are authorised workers and/or who are deemed vulnerable in their home learning environment. Junior School staff will oversee this supervision in the Year 6 classrooms. The Junior School reception remains contactable via phone 5571 1066 and email jsreception@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au.

Class teachers will be available on Friday, via their email, if you have any questions or concerns. They will inform parents if resource packs need to be collected from the Junior School and we will schedule a parent information meeting on TEAMS later in the week if the lockdown period looks like being extended.

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. Whilst it will be an unusual week, we have been here before and successfully faced these challenges. I am confident we will support each other as a strong and dynamic learning community.

Our College values of gratitude, compassion, respect, resilience and optimism will hold us in good stead.

Kind regards

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