



Parent Information – At Home Learning Program 2022

Communication:

If your child is learning at off-site, due to the need to isolate, border restrictions or quarantine, classroom teachers will provide support to enable your child to continue with their learning. It is expected that all MBC Primary students will be supported in their learning at home by an adult.

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 teachers will communicate a daily At Home Learning Program directly to each student through Microsoft Teams. They will also email parents to ensure that they are aware that their child's learning activities have been posted in Teams.

Links to learning activities will be available to all Year 5 and 6 students on Teams. Students should not need to print worksheets as they can access, edit and submit their work through Microsoft Teams. Teachers may also upload short direct teaching videos on to Teams to explain new learning. Students will be able to access these directly and ask their teacher questions through Teams.

Parents can continue to communicate directly with their child's teacher via email and students are also encouraged to communicate directly with their teacher. Students can do this through email or by posting on their Teams wall or through a chat with their teacher via Teams.

Kindy to Year 4

At Home Learning Programs for students in Kindy to Year 4, will be posted on Storypark daily. Activities for the coming day will be posted the evening before by 6pm. Teachers will also use the Storypark platform to keep in touch with their students. This may be through a daily greeting or a short teaching video. Parents can respond to this through Storypark or through email.

Daily Routines

Learning goals and activities for English and Maths will be set daily and should be completed first. Learning goals and activities for all other learning areas will be set weekly and completed once per week. Specialist teachers will set the learning activities and goals for their specialist subjects. These will be communicated to families as part of the daily At Home Learning Program. A timetable for the At Home Learning Program is below. All children will follow the same timetable. Suggested times are also included but these will depend on the age of your child. Enrichment and Support learning goals and activities will be communicated to parents of children who have been accessing these programs at school.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 minutes	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
10 minutes	Devotion	Devotion	Devotion	Devotion	Devotion
60 minutes	English	English	English	English	English
Break					
60 minutes	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Break					
45 minutes	Health	Science	Christian Education	Digital Technologies	HASS
45 minutes	Art	Sport	Music	French	Design Technologies

Expectations of parents/guardians

As a College, we want to support families in enabling their children to continue to learn while at home, however we recognise that each family is different. We are aware of the many and changing variables in families, including the number of children who need adult support to learn, parents who are adjusting to working from home, potential sickness, access to devices (particularly if there are multiple children) and so on.

Our expectation is that parents will do the best they can to support their child, but we understand that this can be overwhelming. We do not want to add to stress in families. The At Home Learning Program is there to support learning but if you or your child needs a break or a change of pace or can only manage to complete some of the provided activities, that is fine. The points below provide further detail on how you can support your child.

- Check Storypark/ Microsoft Teams for their daily At Home Learning Program outline. This will be available by 6pm on the previous evening.
- Support your child to complete English and Maths activities daily.
- Support your child to complete other learning activities according to the provided timetable.
- Support your child only to complete what is set for that day - Please do not work ahead.
- Contact the teacher via email if you have any problems or would like to give any feedback.
- Send photos or a scan of your child's work to your child's teacher if you have time. Otherwise your child can bring their work in when they return to school.
- Support your child to complete any assessments **independently**.
- Support your child to practise on-line safety and apply MBC IT usage policies and guidelines.
- Include time for play, both indoors and outdoors, rest and relaxation.
- Have a break for a day if the At Home Learning Program is causing stress.

Pastoral Care Support

As a college community we want to continue to support the wider needs of students and families.

Classroom teachers will continue to be the main point of contact for pastoral care of students. Each classroom teachers will communicate daily with each family as outlined above and be available throughout the school day for further contact if needed.

Encourage your child to stay connected with their teacher, through email or by sending photos of their work or activities or posting videos on Storypark or Teams.

Families are welcome to contact the College by phone or email for any pastoral care needs. Our Primary School Chaplain and our Primary Psychologist will continue to be available to support students and families.

Contacting the Primary School for pastoral-care support:

Primary School Office: 08 95837070 justinad@mbc.wa.edu.au

Primary School Chaplain: markf@mbc.wa.edu.au

Primary School Psychologist: tinag@mbc.wa.edu.au

Principal: primaryprincipal@mbc.wa.edu.au

Deputy Principal Curriculum: alisonf@mbc.wa.edu.au

Deputy Principal Student Services: brendanw@mbc.wa.edu.au

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't have a printer to print out the work?

Contact your child's teacher to let them know and an alternative arrangement will be made.

I have multiple children and only one device. What should I do?

Contact your child's teacher to let them know and a device can be made available to borrow.

My child currently attends support classes. Will they still get the support they need?

Classroom teachers will continue to differentiate learning activities for their students. Support teachers will assist classroom teachers in arranging work at the appropriate level for each student. MiniLit and MacqLit programs will be set as part of your child's At Home Learning Program if they are currently part of these groups. Parents will be provided with materials and resources to enable their child to continue with these programs at home.

My child currently attends enrichment classes. Will they still get the support they need?

Classroom teachers will continue to differentiate learning activities for their students. Enrichment teachers will provide students who are currently in Enrichment classes with materials and resources to enable their child to continue with these programs at home.

What learning areas will be taught through the At Home Learning Program?

Our learning areas will be taught through the At Home Learning Program. Fitness, Devotions, English and Maths activities will be set daily. Tasks for all other learning areas will be set weekly according to the timetable sent home.

My child is sick and cannot complete their At Home Learning Program. What should I do?

Let your child's teacher know via email that your child is sick and will not be able to complete their work. Once your child is well again, communicate this with the teacher.

I am sick and cannot support my child to complete their At Home Learning Program. What should I do?

Let your child's teacher know via email that you are sick and will not be able to support your child. The teacher can make arrangements for independent work to be sent home. Once you are well again, communicate this with the teacher.

I do not understand the work set. How do I support my child?

Contact your child's teacher via email. They will be available during school hours to support you and provide any assistance needed.

How can I support my child to feel connected with their school community?

Encourage your child to write messages to their teacher which can be scanned or photographed and sent via email. Encourage your child to take photos of any hands-on activities completed and email these to their teacher. Teacher will communicate daily with families via email. Read these to your child where appropriate.

I am feeling overwhelmed with managing the At Home Learning Program and with supporting my child. What help can I get?

Please contact your child's teacher and let them know if you are having any difficulties with the program. You are also welcome to contact the Admin Team and our school Chaplain or Psychologist. Also remember, you are doing enough. You are loving your kids and supporting them through a difficult time. Look after yourself. Minimising stress is absolutely vital in a time like this for mental health. Do not let this be something that adds to your stress.

Choose some ideas from the below list if you need a break:

- *Reading (independent or to them or via audiobook)*
- *Writing - keep a diary, draw a comic, write a letter to their teacher or grandparent.*
- *Practical hands-on maths - cooking, cleaning, or some maths games physical or digital.*
- *Some fine motor work. Lego, cutting, playdough, tidying up small toys.*
- *Physical exercise*
- *Some art/music*
- *Lots of imaginative free play, the more independent the better*