

4 August 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Further to the Headmaster's letter on Monday 3 August, I write to our ELC families to update you on our planning and preparation for our Distance Learning program from Wednesday 5 August.

Obviously, the support of our parents and families will be crucial in assisting our younger boys to enable them to be engaged and interact with our ELC staff.

### **What will online learning from home look like?**

#### **ELC – support for parents and children via email**

- ELC3 and ELC4 activity packs for Wednesday 5 August to Friday 7 August will be distributed via boys currently in attendance today. If your son is not attending the ELC, you will be able to collect his pack today from 2.30 – 3.30pm.
- For your son to stay connected with his teachers and peers, we will offer small group online catch-ups each week via Zoom. Details will be confirmed.
- A recommended daily program/timetable with suggested learning experiences will be available via the ELC3 and ELC4 blog from Monday 10 August.
- All parents will be emailed by 5.00pm on Friday 7 August with instructions on how to connect to your son's ELC blog that is protected by a secure password.
- Teachers/Director of Early Learning will communicate by 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings via email to parents and be available to respond to any questions or concerns during school hours (8.00am – 4.00pm) Monday to Friday.
- Teachers will provide suggestions regarding appropriate games, activities, stories, videos and links to appropriate websites.
- Long Day Care and Holiday Program will not be in operation.

It is our hope that the above approach will provide some support and structure during this period of uncertainty. To ensure that your son continues to work towards his Term 3 developmental goals, his teacher will plan experiences to enhance his learning from home.

We will continue to do all we can to support the best interests of our boys and staff and I thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to make contact via email with your son's classroom teacher, Amelia Barrow or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely



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