

Remote Learning FAQs for Parents & Guardians Rowville Secondary College

We understand that these are challenging times as we change work and educational environments to manage community health and safety. Teachers at Rowville Secondary College have worked hard to prepare for remote learning. We are committed to delivering a learning program that allows your child to participate and engage in the curriculum so that they continue to learn and grow.

How will my child access lessons?

The College will continue to use Compass as its primary learning management platform. Teachers will create detailed lesson plans and students will submit work via Learning Tasks.

What other digital platforms may be used?

The other digital platforms that should be used are Microsoft Teams and Class Notebooks. Teams can offer video conferencing and class chat, and Notebooks are used for student work and teacher feedback. Students will use the textbooks on the booklist as well as possibly Education Perfect and ClickView. A guide to using these platforms has been provided to students if they are unfamiliar with them.

Teachers will be using these platforms to communicate with your child.

How should we structure the day?

Encourage your child to follow their timetable on Compass. This will provide a structure and also access to teacher support.

- The only class not running will be ConnectEd, which happens once a fortnight.
- Learning Mentor session first thing in the morning are an important check-in for your child.
- Teachers will be online for the first 30-45 minutes of classes either presenting the class via Teams or supporting students individually to work through lessons.
- Teachers will be working a normal school day but may not be available due to meetings and other classes.

We understand that this may not suit your family. Please be reassured that we understand the need for flexibility and all tasks can be negotiated with teachers to be completed at a time that suits you and your child.

Class times are outlined on Compass each lesson for daily reference however for your convenience they are:

Learning Mentor Group	9:00am – 9:14am
Period 1	9:14am – 10:02am
Period 2	10:02am – 10:50am
Recess	
Period 3	11:14am – 12:02pm
Period 4	12:02pm – 12:50pm
Lunch	
Period 5	1:39pm – 2:37pm
Period 6	2:37pm – 3:15pm

How can I support my child with remote learning?

Support your child to find a learning space in your home. They will need their iPad or laptop as well as their usual workbooks and equipment. Ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for possible video conferencing. It is also important to discuss with your child and monitor responsible and appropriate use of the internet. At school there are firewalls which restrict access to inappropriate sites etc. however, these restrictions may not be in place when using home internet.

Ensure your child gets adequate breaks, exercise and nutrition. There will be parts of the remote learning program that encourage this such as Physical Education, Coaching, Food Technology and Strength and Conditioning, however senior students are likely to have heavier academic loads and will need support to ensure that they do take breaks.

What should I do if my child is unable to undertake remote learning due to illness?

If your child cannot participate in the remote learning program due to illness please email all their teachers using Compass. If necessary Learning Tasks will be modified to account for this. The only exception to this is students in the Senior Years (VCE/VCAL/VET) who need to demonstrate outcomes with their Learning Tasks and thus will need to complete them when able.

How can I monitor my child's progress?

Please use Compass to monitor your child's progress and communicate with the relevant teacher via email if you have questions. Your child's Learning Mentor is still your primary contact for any broader concerns and we encourage you to maintain contact with them.

What Wellbeing support is available for my child?

Your child's Learning Mentor should be your first contact however if you have concerns that are more serious the RSC Wellbeing team is available. Details are below:

The Wellbeing Team East and West are keen to extend support to all families during this difficult period with continued access to wellbeing services during school hours.

The available team includes: Andy Phillips (West Campus Wellbeing Coordinator and Social Worker), Joanne Johnson (East Campus Coordinator) and Emma McLachlan (Multi-campus school counsellor and provisional psychologist).

HOW TO ACCESS WELLBEING SUPPORT

There are a number of ways to engage our support:

- Referrals from learning mentors
- Sending an email to our wellbeing address to request a return call or information: rscwellbeing@rowvillesc.vic.edu.au
- Phoning either campus wellbeing office directly as these messages are retrievable remotely: WEST CAMPUS 9755 4533 and EAST CAMPUS 9755 4616

What is the best way to communicate?

Using Compass to email teachers is the best way to communicate with us.

While the College telephone number (9755 4555) will be answered, you are unlikely to be able to get through to teachers as they are not working on site.

Please be aware that some teachers may try to contact you from their own mobiles and display blocked numbers.