



LINK LETTER



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Enrolments are welcome for all year levels, including Kinder for 2021

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all staying safe and you had an enjoyable holiday break. In these unprecedented times, it is even more important to take great care of yourselves and loved ones, and to remember that smiles and kindness are far more infectious than a virus! As parents / carers you have a big responsibility right now to reassure your children that we will get through this together and it will be O.K. This isn't going to last forever!

A big welcome to Term 2, like it has never been delivered before - remotely!

Learning will certainly not look the same this term, but please be assured we are

making efforts to stay engaged with your family as best we can manage and we will help you with anything that crops up along the learning at home journey. We do firstly recognise that you want the best for your children and that you have not necessarily trained as a teacher. But, you do have many other skills you can draw upon to make this time more pleasurable and become even more connected with your child /ren and their learning. We just ask that you do your best with what we provide you and feel free to engage with other learning opportunities as you see fit. This is probably the very best time to make sure your children can learn to tie their own shoelaces, or help with home chores such as cleaning, gardening and cooking or learn to play different board games and read their favourite books. We encourage you to stay focussed on Reading, Writing and Mathematics as the absolute basics to focus on.

I was really impressed with everyone coming in to collect students learning packs and for keeping your social distancing. **These packs are expected to be returned to the school Gym each MONDAY using the same system. Parents with surnames beginning with A- L from 9am – 12 midday, and parents with surnames beginning with M- Z from 12 midday to 3 pm.** Note one change – all packs are to be returned and collected on **Mondays** from now on, when you will collect your new pack for that week. So, bring back week one pack, and pick up week two pack, each fortnight. Teachers will be giving written feedback on previous packs handed in. In addition, to be marked as present at school all families / students are to engage with a staff member daily – either through Class Dojo, compass or a phone call. This can be for a short period of time – obviously not all day! Thank you to our families who have made contact with teachers through Class Dojo and for your very kind, thoughtful words at this tricky time. Our staff are needing to learn a new way of delivering a very complicated and complex curriculum so that children and their families can complete tasks remotely.

Generally, teachers are available between 9.15 am and 3.30pm with the following exceptions: Please remember that there are set times for all staff to have breaks and to have time for planning and preparation. During the following times, staff will NOT be available to students or parents / carers:

11.15 – 12 midday - lunch break

2.00 – 2.30 - recess break

2.30 – 3.30 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays – Planning and Preparation

Please ensure you keep up to date with any Compass announcements as well as Class Dojo. We are currently working on allocating school owned devices (in rounds) for some families to use at home during this term. A priority access process will be applied due to the limited number of devices currently on site and the school will contact those families identified as eligible to arrange collection. There will be a formal Agreement to sign for the loaning of these devices. Any damage or loss of these devices will result in families being responsible for their repair or replacement. There will not be multiple devices allocated to families.

Principal's Message



Once again, don't be too hard on yourselves as we know you are doing your best to support your child/ren during this difficult time. Take this opportunity to look after their and your health and wellbeing before anything else. See you all on Monday when you call to the Gym to collect the Week 2 home learning pack.

Regards,
Jocelyn Owen



Virtual experience for prospective 2021 Year 7 students and families

At Tallangatta Secondary College we understand that choosing the right school for your child is a very important decision. This year we invite all prospective students and families to take part in a series of online events via our Facebook page.

We will offer opportunities for tours and further information sessions later in the year. We thank you for your understanding and support during these unprecedented times. Please phone 02 6071 5000 for more information.



Monday 27th April –
Year 7 Student and Peer Support Leader reflections
Tuesday 28th April –
School Captains reflections
Wednesday 29th April –
Parent reflection
Thursday 30th April –
Principal's Address
Friday 1st May – Year 7 Engagement Leader's Address

REMINDERS



Our school uses Compass School Manager for ALL communication. If you require log in details, assistance or have any questions relating to Compass please see office staff.



If you use Facebook please like and follow our page to receive our updates and reminders



Please remember that the school carpark is for the vehicles of staff, authorised parents/visitors and Disabled Permit holders only. This is not a drop off/pick up zone.