



24 March 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I want to first express my deep gratitude for your understanding, patience and support of Glossop High School in this current climate. Many of our school families have decided to keep their children home at this moment, which is of course your prerogative. Each of us need to make our own decisions during this time and our job as Glossop High School is to support you with your decision and to support all students of our school to continue their learning wherever they are.

I would like to make it perfectly clear that the current information provided by the SA Health is that schools should remain open. We have put extensive resourcing and processes in place to support personal hygiene and social distancing. Glossop High School is open for business.

This correspondence is to focus on the changes the Executive Leadership team, in conjunction with the Berri Education Office, has made to our current learning environment.

Remainder of Week 9

Due to the significant absences of both students and staff we have put a range of changes in place for the remainder of the week at both the Middle Campus and Senior Campus.

- Middle Campus students will be working in year level teams and will not be moving around the campus to different subjects. Students will be working with teachers on accessing their current curriculum through daymap and completing unfinished work.
- Senior Campus students will continue on with their normal timetable, however many classes will be combined, due to low numbers. Students will be working with their teachers either through face to face contact or in an online capacity

Starting from Week 10, Monday 30 March

From Monday we will be moving all students into an online learning environment, whether they are present at school or not. I ask for your patience during this time as we adapt to this new teaching and learning model. Please read the following information carefully and action accordingly.

Middle Campus Students

All current curriculum for Years 8-10 will be finalised or postponed from the end of week 9. As of week 10 students will be accessing brand new online curriculum developed by teams of staff who will implement the delivery of this curriculum. Students will be accessing this from either home or at school. For those students at school they will be supported by staff to work through the online curriculum provided.

Senior Campus Students

All SACE subjects will be continuing, however from Monday 30 March most work will be accessible online. Students will be accessing this from either home or at school. For those students at school they will be supported by staff in combined classes to work through the online SACE curriculum provided.



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Support for Learning from home

Please be patient with us as we develop our processes and resources that work towards supporting learning from home. At the moment we can provide the following information.

Students without access to a computer

Thank you to our ICT team who has worked tirelessly to prepare computers to be borrowed by students. There are currently a large number of devices that are able to be borrowed out to families who are in need to support learning from home. Please contact the student services at either campus to organise the borrowing of a laptop. We are not asking for a deposit for this equipment, however there will be a requirement for a parent/carer to sign a "commitment to pay" letter in case of damage or loss.

Students without access to the internet

Although we currently do not have a system in place to provide internet to those students without it at home, it is currently a priority for not only Glossop High School but also the Department for Education. I hope to have a solution to this issue soon and will keep you updated when appropriate. In the meantime Telstra and Optus have both committed to providing internet access for students. Contact your service provider to see what can be done.

Learning Platforms

As we transition into an online learning environment we are currently focusing our efforts into developing resources to be accessed in the following ways. We are currently developing resources to support students and parents/carers to access these learning platforms.

Daymap – Daymap is our learner management system, all information pertaining to the units of learning will be accessible through daymap. You are also able to communicate with staff about learning, see results to assessments and access school notes and bulletins.

Learnlink – Learnlink is the emailing system of the Department for Education. Students will be able to communicate to staff through Learnlink and access a range of applications to support their learning. Email correspondence from staff to students will only be between learnlink emails.

Microsoft Programs – Through learnlink students also have access to a range of Microsoft programs to support their learning. Specifically Microsoft Teams will be utilised to chat with students, share resources and do collaborative online learning.

Students will need to ensure they are confident in the use of these learning platforms to better inform their learning moving into the online environment. If students need support to access this information support guides are currently being developed and will be published through our website and on our social media.

Calendar Update

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve each day we have been continuing to make further adjustments to our 2020 calendar.

2020 Snow Trip

The 2020 Glossop High School Snow trip has now been postponed until 2021 where we will offer a combined Year 10 and Year 11 Snow Trip.

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

All face to face Student/Parent/Teacher interviews are now cancelled and in its place teachers will be contacting parents/carers through either email or phone for students who are **at risk** within their subjects. If you would like to discuss your child and their progress please make contact with the school to set up these arrangements.

Year 10 students at Senior Campus

Year 10 students will no longer be accessing the Senior Campus on Thursdays. Year 10 students will now remain at the Glossop Middle Campus. This will be effective immediately.

As always I will continue to keep you informed of the latest information and the actions we are taking. Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this time.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Griggs', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Emily Griggs
Principal