



LEARNING AT HOME

PARENT SUPPORT GUIDE

SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING BY

COMMUNICATING

- **READ SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS.** We will communicate with you via email, daily student notices, school website, newsletters and Facebook. Download the QSchools app to see news, events and newsletters and to receive push notifications and emergency announcements.
- **DISCUSS TEACHER-STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS.** Students and teachers will communicate via email and STILE. Help your child to access, understand and respond to instructions and feedback.
- **ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION.** Encourage and support participation in collaboration and conferencing activities.

HELPING WITH WORK

- **SHOW INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.** Take notice of what your child is learning and the progress that they make. Get them to teach you what they are learning. Help them use the resources available to support their learning, including teachers and peers.
- **GUIDE THEIR LEARNING.** Ask questions to help them become more resourceful, rather than you becoming their resource.

ESTABLISHING ROUTINES

- **ESTABLISH EXPECTATIONS AND LEARNING ROUTINES.** Set clear expectations for how your student will spend their learning time. Maintain normal daily school routines including bedtime and lunch times. Dress for learning daily.
- **ENCOURAGE DAILY EXERCISE.** Encourage physical activity during breaks and after the school day is over.
- **PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING.** Prepare healthy meals and snacks for a normal school day. Drink 2 litres of water per day.
- **ENCOURAGE ORGANISATION.** Monitor daily work planning, classwork completion and assessment schedules and deadlines.

CREATING A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- **MAINTAIN A DAILY LEARNING SCHEDULE.** YOU should expect that your child is working to their scheduled timetable and a normal school day and times. Establish a location and space dedicated for them to learn
- **PROVIDE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR LEARNING.** Provide your student with learning materials i.e. laptop, pen, paper etc.
- **MONITOR PROGRESS.** Check in with your child regularly. Provide constructive feedback and celebrate effort and progress.
- **ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE.** Encourage your student to own their learning. Be present. Exercise 'light-touch' monitoring.
- **REMOVE DISTRACTIONS.** Establish clear expectations around social media, music and other device use especially during the school day. Expect high standards of behaviour from your student while learning online.
- **BE PATIENT.** Learning takes time. Focus on learning, not performance. Have a growth mindset.
- **REMEMBER THIS IS NEW ... FOR EVERYONE.** Understand that students learning from home is new for parents, teachers and students. There will be a level of trial-and-error for us all. Keep communication open and positive.

MAINTAINING CONTACT

- **ADVISE THE SCHOOL OF ABSENCES.** Encourage your child to respond to Care Teacher daily check-in email by 9.30 am. Advise the school if your student is unwell and unable to learn online.
- **MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH TEACHERS.** Communicate positively and regularly with teachers by email. Ask questions if you are unsure about any aspect of your student's learning. Encourage your child to contact their teachers regularly.
- **SEEK HELP AND SUPPORT EARLY.** Contact the school for general enquiries or to seek help with technology or health and wellbeing issues.
- **CONTACT DEPUTY PRINCIPALS.** Contact Deputy Principals if you have concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing.