

Wheeler Heights Public School



Learning from Home 2021

(Commencing Term 3, 2021)

Information Pack

Emailed to all parents on Monday 12 July 2021



The Wheeler Way

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Online Learning Environment Guidelines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you again for your support and patience as we have worked to implement learning from home for our students. At this stage, this learning will be delivered in a similar format to 2020.

As we transition to our online environment for our students, teachers and parents we feel it is important to give you and your children some guidelines, expectations and parameters.

For Students:

- **Read** your teacher's instructions carefully. Daily work will be posted **from 8.30am** each day.
- **Think** before you make a comment or ask a question.
- Try to **solve** your problems by being creative and solution focused.
- **Questions and comments** posted (during 9.15am and 1pm) should relate to the learning activities, it is not a place to 'have a chat'.
- A teacher will reply to your questions or make a comment as soon as they can.
- A teacher from each grade/stage will be online during the **normal school hours of 9.15am-3.15pm**, but not all the time as they are preparing lessons too.
- Always **do your personal best** and do not rush your work.

For Parents:

- Please ensure your child is taking **regular 'brain breaks'** and where possible have morning tea and lunch breaks similar to a school day.
- Allow your child a degree of **flexibility** if required. Teachers understand only too well that not all work will be completed by students at the same time or pace. Also, every child is working at their own ability. Work is set to cover all abilities and some students may not be able to complete some tasks. Please don't worry, there is a lot we are all trying to manage. Please understand we realise families will be working online at different times.
- Contact the school if we can provide support with any technical issues, we are all learning together and appreciate that this is a steep learning curve for many.

We are so proud of the way our Wheeler Heights students and community have handled many changes over the time. We would like to sincerely thank you all for your support and for managing this new learning space. Thank you also to our amazing teachers who are working above and beyond to ensure the continuity of learning for the students of WHPS.

Kind regards,

Simone Rizzuto
Principal

Priscilla Wright
Assistant Principal

Attendance

We will be taking official attendance within the Google Classrooms (this can be done within the classroom anytime between 9.15am and 3.15pm each day). This is a check in to ensure students are completing work remotely.

If your child is sick (or not participating in learning from home for any other reason) please notify the school via email or through FlexiSchools so this can be recorded on the school records.

Communication

WHPS will continue to communicate with you using our normal communication methods such as the FlexiSchool app and email. ****If you have a hotmail address, please regularly check your 'junk' folder as school emails appear to be rejected sometimes.****

All Updates and attachments are located on the school website, click the COVID-19 tab.

Teachers will be communicating with students via the Google Classrooms.

Should you wish to contact the school, our email address is:

wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Getting Help

Teachers will be available during school hours to 'trouble shoot' or answer specific questions related to daily tasks. Students can ask teachers questions via their Stage Google Classroom between 9.15am and 1pm each school day and teachers will attempt to answer these questions by the end of the school day.

For issues that are more complex, please direct enquires to the school email address (stated above) and these will be distributed to the appropriate personnel.

How can you help?

Provide support for your children by:

- establishing routines and expectations
- defining a space for your child to work in
- monitoring communications from teachers
- check in with your child at the beginning and ending of each day to ensure they understand what is required of them
- taking an active role in helping your children process their learning
- encouraging physical activity and/or exercise
- checking in with your child regularly to help them manage stress
- reassuring your child that completing the work at times that suits your family each day is completely acceptable by the school
- monitoring how much time your child is spending online
- keeping your children social, but set rules around their social media interactions.

Provide support to our school by:

- being respectful. If you have a concern regarding work set, please email the school; remembering that we are all learning together. Negative comments on Facebook do not help students / teachers or fellow parents.

Wellbeing

We understand that every family is different and operates on routines that suit them. This information pack is a guide to help support our WHPS community and we know that the 'school day' will look different in each and every household.

Please be assured that the staff of WHPS are still here and ready to support your child in their learning and wellbeing.

Should you need further support, please contact us, as we work together in these unprecedented times.

The following websites are also very useful should you require them.




Kids Helpline

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

eSafety Commissioner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

WHPS Expectations for Learning from Home

<p>RESPECT</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow your teacher's instructions• Always use appropriate language• Be polite and use good manners
<p>RESPONSIBILITY</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure your questions / comments are about the work you are doing• Ask your teacher for help• Submit your work when required
<p>PERSONAL BEST</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do your best work• Try to complete the work when you can• Upload your work if you are asked to.