



Dear parents and carers

I write to you this afternoon hoping that each of you are safe and well. Thank you for all your kind words and offers of support. We have an amazing community and all our staff appreciate your understanding at this difficult time. Keeping your children at home has really helped us begin the planning process.

As you know these pupil free days are to allow our teachers time to collaborate and plan for online learning processes. All staff have spent considerable time today unpacking a number of areas to ensure that we are planned for alternative delivery of education.

Here's a snapshot of what has been happening at Gold Creek today:

- Teaching teams have begun looking at key learning and multiple ways to engage students in both online platforms, but also finalising plans to support the at home learning for all our students.
- Teachers have begun upskilling themselves to broaden their areas of expertise in relation to multiple online platforms.
- We are expanding our strategies to support students that may require additional support and are developing a clear pathway to ensure that these students are well supported during this time.
- We have begun designing videos to support both staff and students in how to access and use the Google Suite. We will upload these on our Facebook page, and of course share on our Website. A reminder that the ACT Directorate has designed a Resource pack to support Home Learning whilst the teachers are planning and preparing to go to alternative learning at home. This website may support you in the interim.
<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/act-home-learning/resources-to-support-home-learning>.
- On Junior Site, we are continuing to support families who require Chromebooks. If you have a student who has NO access to any devices, please contact Kratavisituthasart@ed.act.edu.au
- The student services team is setting up for any targeted additional support so that students will remain connected with our staff.
- We are continuing to explore the possibility of still conducting Parent Teacher interviews via the phone and will provide further information in this space.

For the remainder of this week, we will be continuing to communicate with the information we have at hand. Please understand that during this unprecedented event the situation is ever-evolving and can change often. We will continue to use the Facebook page, and our website to upload recent changes. I remind all our parents, that we have a dedicated



page on the school website with all the school letters regarding COVID-19 as well as a website banner that will link you with information from the Education Directorate and ACT Health. We will continue to follow advice by ACT Health in this space.

Thank you again for your support

Regards

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