



Coronavirus and Student Absence

SCPS Updates & Requirements

Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the ongoing situation related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we would like to keep parents/carers informed about the Department of Education & Training (DET) process for student absences. The DET are continuing to monitor and act on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and we are required to follow all of the recommendations or requirements handed down by the DET.

As of March 16, 2020, anyone arriving into Australia from overseas will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This includes all students and staff. The existing advice remains that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days. More information regarding the coronavirus and school attendance can be found on the DET website -

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

In response to the DET and DHHS recommendations we are remaining open until we have been advised otherwise. This means that your child can still attend school as normal, unless they are in self-isolation for the above reasons. For students who are required to be quarantined and for parents who are choosing to self-isolate as a precaution, the following steps should be followed:

1. Advise the school that your child/children will not be attending school and the duration of time you intend to keep your child/children at home. This can be done by calling or emailing the school or sending a response through FlexiBuzz.
2. Arrange for a Student Absence Plan through the classroom teacher. This is a DET requirement and **MUST** be signed by a parent/carer. Your child's/children's teacher will provide work that should be completed during this time.

We understand that this is a difficult time for families in our community and an unsettling time for our nation. It is important to remember that SCPS is bound by DET regulations. Our priority at this time is the ongoing education of your child/children and we appreciate the continued partnership from families.

Warm regards,

Averil Nunn

Principal

Some additional online resources that parents can access from home:

ABCya!

<https://www.abcya.com/>

Cool Math Games - Number

<https://www.coolmathgames.com/1-number-games>

Studyladder (create a free account)

<https://www.studyladder.com.au/>

123 Homeschool 4 me

<https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printables>

Epic Reading

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Splash Maths (create a free account)

<https://www.splashlearn.com/>

EDUCATIONAL FREE WEBSITES

LEARNINCOLOR.COM

MATH

- Funbrain
- Prodigy
- Math Playground
- Splash Learn
- Math Game Time
- Khan Academy

SCIENCE

- Discovery Mindblown
- NASA Kids Club
- Amazing Space
- Code Academy
- How Stuff Works

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Crash Course (YouTube)
- Who Was? App/site
- Nat Geo Kids
- Google Earth
- Time for Kids
- Smithsonian for Kids

OTHER

- Brain Pop
- Ted Talks
- PBS Kids
- Duolingo
- Hello Kids (drawing)

10 FREE LEARNING WEBSITES

for kids

Here's a list of some fun, educational, and safe websites for your children to visit and explore!

Switcheroo Zoo

www.switcheroozoo.com

Watch, listen, and play games to learn all about amazing animals!

Nat Geo for Kids

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

Learn all about geography and fascinating animals!

Into the Book

www.reading.ecb.org

Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies!

Suessville

www.seussville.com

Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends!

ABC YA

www.abcya.com

Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!

Fun Brain

www.funbrain.com

Play games while practicing math and reading skills!

PBS Kids

www.pbs.org

Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!

Star Fall

www.starfall.com

Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories!

Storyline Online

www.storylineonline.net

Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!

Highlights Kids

www.highlightskids.com

Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments!