



COVID - 19 Parent Communication Week 9 Friday 27th March

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

What a blessing it was to start this Friday with Worship where our students and families at home as well as those still at school could share in the special message led by 2T. Our singing did not lift the roof today but it definitely lifted our spirits.

All staff continue to work tirelessly to educate and care for the children who are still in physical attendance as well as preparing for a future where full transition to IPS@home is a strong possibility. I commend their efforts as they have managed the students currently in the transition phase between these two modes of educational delivery over the past two weeks.

If your child/ren are learning from home and you have not been able to collect their learning pack from either the classroom or Front Office please email the class teacher to arrange collection.

Thank you for your patience while we have worked through the latest advice from the State Government, following Minister Gardner's announcement yesterday.

Term 1, Week 11

All students other than essential workers' children will use Monday and Tuesday of Week 11 (6th and 7th April) to set up their workstations at home in preparation for a full IPS@home online learning day on Wednesday 8th April.

The students will be given **some** independent learning engagements to work on throughout the day but will not have any live sessions.

Wednesday 8th April will be a whole school IPS@home learning day where the staff will trial the morning and afternoon check in through Zoom. Our dedicated IT team will be available throughout the day in the ICT Support Centre. The team can be contacted via email:

helpdesk@immanuelps.sa.edu.au, by phone: 8294 8422 ext 411 or through a Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/my/ips.helpdesk>

Thursday 9th April will be student free as planned and hence the first day of the Term 1 school holidays.

Both the Australian Government and the State Government are keen to ensure that children of essential workers, for example, parents / guardians working in industries such as health care, emergency services, waste management, pharmacy, supermarkets etc, children of families in

employment where there is no capacity to work from home, and vulnerable children for whom home is not a safe place, are able to physically attend school. These students will still be doing IPS@home distance learning and will be supervised by our co-educators and other staff. They will not be taught in a face-to-face model.

To organise the learning spaces for Week 11, we need an indication of how many students will fit into the 'student of essential worker' category. If you will require this service, please complete the following [survey](#). It is highly likely that this service will continue throughout Term 2 unless we are mandated to close the site.

I would like to reassure you irrespective of how this matter unfolds over the coming hours / days / weeks, we have the very best interests for your children well in hand and we will be ready!

Preparing for IPS@home - ELC to Year 6 in Term 2

(This information relates only to student learning once we have officially launched IPS@home)

Our IPS approach is that:

- wellbeing is paramount for all
- we continue to build classroom community
- we provide structure and support for students and parents
- we support all community members so they know what is expected of them
- we provide opportunities for learners to collaborate with each other
- we use existing timetables as much as possible with flexibility built in so students can work on different tasks throughout the day
- leaders, teachers / co-educators will be contactable during normal work hours and will return emails within a 24 hour period

Please refer to the [IPS@home parent guidelines](#). This is a brief overview of the teacher-parent partnership necessary to engage in virtual learning and to access online resources.

Immanuel Primary School will continue to monitor the Coronavirus situation in order to keep our community safe and maintain our operations as effectively as possible.

Below is an overview of IPS@home and in the event of us moving to this in Term 2, you will receive a letter from each year level outlining more specific details.

Early Learning Centre

Early next week we will forward a letter home outlining how ELC educators will connect and support children's learning in the event of school closure.

Reception and Year 1

Students in Reception and Year 1 will have their learning organised and shared with them every day through the Seesaw Inbox. Over the period of a week, learning will include all of their current subject areas as much as possible. (This may look different in the first week as we begin this process.) Parents and carers have the flexibility to work through this at their own pace. Information will be

written or voice recorded in such a way that children will be able to complete learning with support of an adult carer. Learning engagements will consist of a balance of online and offline activities, with the focus on minimising screen time.

Teachers will be welcoming students through an organised 'Morning Meeting' via Zoom.

Please check each year level's daily schedule for additional times teachers will be available online.

Years 2 - Year 6

Students in Years 2 - 6 will have their learning organised and shared with them through a platform they are familiar with and have access to (e.g. Google Slides, Google Docs, Seesaw etc) Over the period of a week, learning will include all of their current subject areas. (This may look different in the first week as we begin this process.) Information will be written or voice recorded in such a way that children will be able to complete learning independently but may benefit from the guidance of an adult carer. Learning engagements will consist of a balance of online and offline activities.

Teachers will be available to students online, via Zoom, every morning to check in, guide, and answer questions. Please check each year level's daily schedule for additional times teachers will be available online.

Specialist and Learning Support

Specialist and Learning Support teachers will collaborate and share their learning engagements on the year level document.

Attendance and absences for students accessing online learning at home

We are required to continue to record absentees for all students as education continues, regardless of whether it is face-to-face or online learning.

Parents are required to notify the school in the usual way, Skoolbag, email

absentee@immanuelps.sa.edu.au or phone call, if your child/ren will not be accessing learning at home on any given school day Monday to Friday due to illness or family reasons. This will be required from Monday.

I am aware this is an unsettling and worrying time for us all. This is less than ideal. However, if all goes to plan, each student will be able to engage in learning with the support of their class teachers, specialist teachers and our leadership team.

My thoughts and prayers continue to be with all families.

Warm regards,

Bec Clements