



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, our school is prepared for continuity of teaching and learning as well as school business operations. At Foxwell State Secondary College we are committed to minimising the disruption to the teaching and learning of our students through our digital learning framework.

We have decided after much discussion and contemplation that in order to provide appropriate support and equity for all students, whether they are learning at home or at school that all **Assessment for this term is suspended for all students.**

For those students who have already submitted work and for those who submit work today, no grade will be awarded. Students are asked today to submit any progress they have towards their assessment items – complete or incomplete, without any penalty. Students will receive constructive feedback from their classroom teacher which will indicate what they have done well and what they could do to improve. Teachers will review the work and will provide feedback to students. Upon our return to regular teaching and learning, teachers will use this valuable information to inform teaching and learning for each student.

In order to maintain and support teaching and learning, we have today commenced our “Continuity of Learning (COVID-19)” plan.

Whether learning at school or at home, all curriculum resources and materials will be made available to students via our digital learning platform, Seesaw. Parents and carers are responsible for student engagement in education at home and teachers are responsible for student engagement in education at school. Students currently on an individual curriculum plan will receive differentiated activities through Seesaw.

Each week communication about school curriculum will be issued to all students in the following learning areas:

- Social World – English curriculum
- Physical World – Science and Humanities curriculum
- Healthy World – Positive Education and Health curriculum
- Mathematics – Mathematics curriculum
- House groups
– optional school learning experiences (including the Arts, Japanese, Physical Activity and Technologies)

To ensure continuity of teaching and learning at school, students will each day, engage in a timetable that facilitates learning in each of the above learning areas, as well as physical activity. In line with our commitment to supporting students' health and wellbeing to flourish, each week a schedule of lunch time activities will be available for student participation. We ask that all students attending school wear their sports uniform on a Monday and Friday, and wear their formal uniform Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We understand that internet access is not readily available for some families in our school community. We ask that if you have concerns about access to internet services that you contact the school by phone or by emailing admin@foxwellssc.eq.edu.au.

Attached to this communication is a letter that has been distributed to all students today.

For further questions or clarifications, do not hesitate to contact the school by phone or by emailing admin@foxwellssc.eq.edu.au.



ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

At Foxwell State Secondary College we believe that communication between the school, parents and the community forms the foundation of a positive relationship that empowers students to embrace learning and achieve their potential. During this time, we also acknowledge that communication between teachers, students and parents is vital in ensuring the continuity of teaching and learning and business operations.

At this time we would like to inform our community that in relation to curriculum requirements, electronic communication is our preferred method. Our platform for digital communication will continue in line with our already established norms.

Seesaw will remain our portal for communication between teacher, student and parent about curriculum. The vast majority of communication will be sent to parents and carers through this platform.

SharePoint will remain our platform for communicating student notices. Students use their MIS ID's to sign in to SharePoint, and this app can be accessed on multiple devices. Including parent devices.

Our school newsletter and school bulletins will continue to be emailed to parents via Schoolzine.

Email is available for all students, parents and carers for communicating with the school. Our phone line continues to be available during this time via (07) 5555 3333.



DIGITAL PLATFORM

At Foxwell State Secondary College we take great pride in our ability to leverage digital pedagogies, allowing for excellence in educational outcomes. Our school's pedagogy and curriculum is specifically designed with iPad placed as the central learning tool for both students and teachers. Teachers use them as an environment to facilitate engagement in the learning process. Due to our embedded digital pedagogies philosophy, we are well placed at Foxwell State Secondary College to ensure the continuity of teaching and learning and business operations. We do this through our already established commitment to the following digital learning platforms:

- Seesaw
- Education Perfect
- ClickView
- SharePoint
- Jacaranda Plus
- GoodNotes

Each of these 6 digital learning platforms are already established normal practices for both our staff and students. We are deeply committed to ensuring minimal distress is caused for our school community, and as such have made the decision to not introduce any additional digital learning platforms at this stage.

During this time, students will be required to access each of these platforms in order to continue engagement in learning. Through each platform we will ensure many resources are available for students and parents in order to minimise any disruption to student learning. An audit has been conducted on all student devices to ensure all students have downloaded and can access with their user name and password.

We ask that you assist at home by also ensuring students have access to each of the outlined platforms. Should you need additional assistance with ensuring your student can access a required digital platform, we ask that you email admin@foxwellssc.eq.edu.au.



STEPS TO FOLLOW

Each week students will be required to log in to their Seesaw account and access the five classrooms. Students will be required to:

1. Log in to the five classrooms.
2. Students view the weekly video messages in each classroom (a total of 5 for each week). Each video message will outline the work to be completed during the week. The timing of engagement in learning is at the discretion of families.
3. Students must 'Like' each video after viewing.
4. Teachers will post activities with the attached resources to be accessed and completed in line with their video message.
5. In line with the video message and activity outline for the week, students complete and upload responses to the relevant Seesaw classroom as they finalise their work.



SEESAW

At Foxwell State Secondary College, Seesaw is our first point of call for digital curriculum delivery. Seesaw is a powerful classroom app that allows for meaningful student engagement. It allows teachers, students and parents/carers the ability to interact in an online environment where teachers can deliver curriculum activities for students and provide feedback on work completed. Parents/carers are able to view this work and also interact with their students electronically via the platform.

Students are members of Seesaw classrooms for the following subjects:

- Social World – English curriculum
- Physical World – Science and Humanities curriculum
- Health World – Positive Education and Health curriculum
- Mathematics – Mathematics curriculum
- House groups
– optional school learning experiences (including the Arts, Japanese, Physical Activity and Technologies)

Students may contact classroom teachers via Seesaw for support by either commenting on the activity or by 'posting' a note to the teacher. This communication is between the teacher and student only and not viewable by all classroom members.

Parents/carers can view each video message by logging in to each classroom. Video messages will become available for parent/carer viewing after the student has viewed it once. In Seesaw, parents/carers have the ability to:

- Communicate digitally with their students by commenting on student's uploaded work
- Communicate directly with the classroom teacher via the Seesaw inbox
- View all activities and announcements posted to students and families

Teachers are available to respond to student and parent/carer questions between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm and within a timely manner.

Video 'How to guides' will be made available for parents, carers and students for all Seesaw functionalities.



SHAREPOINT

At Foxwell State Secondary College we will from time to time use the SharePoint application to share digital resources with students. Teachers will outline in Seesaw when they have assigned a digital resource through SharePoint.

SharePoint can be accessed as a webpage, or as a downloaded application on both student and parent/carer devices. Once downloaded a student's school email address is required for log in.



EDUCATION PERFECT

Education Perfect is a rich library of interactive, motivating and engaging activities directly aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Content in Education Perfect is carefully scaffolded to allow all students to experience success, while providing for higher order thinking and independent learning. In Education Perfect, teachers curate and customise learning activities to meet the needs of every learner in their classroom. Student responses to activities provide teachers detailed insights in to student progress, allowing them to make informed decisions to tailor their student's learning need.

Activities in Education Perfect are known as 'assessments'. These activities do not contribute to summative report card results, rather are tools for assessing student progress to allow teachers to support the individual needs of each student.

Teachers will outline in Seesaw when they have assigned an Education Perfect activity to students.



JACARANDA PLUS / JACARANDA LEARNON

Jacaranda Plus in partnership with Jacaranda LearnOn is a powerful digital learning tool that transforms trusted Jacaranda textbook content in to interactive and personalised activities for students. Teachers can assign activities to groups or individuals that are tailored to student needs. Content and activity assignments will be outlined in Seesaw.



CLICK VIEW

ClickView provides students with access to a library of video resources aligned to the Australian Curriculum. Through ClickView, teachers can curate educational videos from around the world and also produce their own video material. Teachers can create time coded video content, where students are prompted to complete activities at different intervals throughout the stream. Teachers will outline in Seesaw when they have assigned ClickView content or activities to students. Additionally, students can access ClickView material independently to support their learning.



GOOD NOTES

GoodNotes transforms iPads in to digital notebooks for students where they can record their learning in both typed and handwritten form. All student work must be completed in GoodNotes. Files can be exported to PDF form and uploaded to SeeSaw. GoodNotes provided students the opportunity:

- Type, write and sketch on digital paper or on imported documents such as worksheets
- Add images and shapes
- Organise learning in to content or subject areas



Dear Foxwell student of 2020

We are so sorry that your first year as a Foundation student of our amazing school has been so deeply impacted by a situation that none of us could ever have predicted or planned for. I need you to know how proud I am of how you have handled our first 8 weeks at Foxwell, especially now in these unprecedented times. We are sure that you are experiencing a range of emotions, including fear, anxiety, anger and worry. The staff of Foxwell join me in saying that we are here to support you, to guide you, and to care for you during this uncertain time. We will continue to work to provide some continuity of your learning and to be a safe and calm place that you can look to, even if the way we have to do school has to change for a period of time.

We know the importance you place on your education and we applaud you for that. We know that you see our school as a positive place for social interactions and we will do all we can to ensure that you can continue interactions with your teachers and classmates here at school or via online channels. We need you to know that each of us - me, your Deputy Principals, your teachers, your Guidance Officer, your teacher aides, your support staff, are all here to get you through this. We will provide for your education. We will support you with your online learning via SeeSaw. If you are learning from home, you can communicate with your teacher who will get back to you as soon as they are able. If you need emotional support, we can access resources or support for you. You are not alone. We are here with you. You can email the following staff for support should you need it:

Mrs Amor – Principal – kamor1@eq.edu.au

Ms Schroeder – Deputy Principal – zschr2@eq.edu.au

Ms Shepherd – Deputy Principal – kshep115@eq.edu.au

Ms Leadbeatter – Head of Department (Inclusion) – vlead1@eq.edu.au

Mrs Street – Guidance Officer – ppier6@eq.edu.au

We are asking you to continue with your learning whether here at school or at home. Work through the tasks that your teachers set for you. They have been set at a level that you should be able to complete independently, or with a little guidance from an adult in your home, or a teacher if at school. We encourage you to complete some of the additional 'experiences' as these may include areas of interest or passion for you, like Japanese, Digital Technologies, Art, Drama, Dance etc. We ask that you stay in routine of learning every 'week day' as this will continue to support your existing learning behaviours. You will have to show some learning stamina and perseverance as you work through these tasks, but we know you can do this. Once you get through your school assigned tasks, we encourage you to explore learning in different ways. These may include:

- Researching things you are passionate about – history, animals, sport, art, famous people, great leaders, science, technology.
- Create a time capsule (you are living through a significant moment in history)– include a journal about your experiences, take pictures of each day, draw or paint a picture of yourself or your family, write a letter to yourself with details about your friends, your favourite TV shows, songs, games, activities, food.
- Visit virtual museums, art galleries, or stream live cultural performances.
- Visit virtual zoos, countries, cities, planets.
- Cook and bake with your parents.
- Become a fashion designer, a graphic artist, an author, an illustrator, an animator or an architect.
- Get active and do daily workouts.
- Learn more of your Japanese language online.
- Learn to code.
- Get creative and have fun learning.

More detailed information about your Learning Program will be sent to you and your parents today via SeeSaw and a Schoolzine News Bulletin. At Foxwell we have always encouraged you to find the joy in learning, and to challenge yourself to take more responsibility for your learning. We know you have the skills and the character to do this. We believe in you. Keep shining and smiling, knowing that we are here for you and with you. (Oh, and listen to and respect your parents – they need a bit of the Foxwell kindness right now too!)

Your Principal
Mrs Amor