



Welcome to Week 1 of Remote Learning

Dear Parents,

We hope that your child has been able to access Remote Learning and is able to navigate through the various online learning platforms that we are using, such as Seesaw, Google Sites and Google Classroom. We had a few teething issues on the first day but thanks to our outstanding IT Department many of these have been resolved. If you do have any access issues or difficulty with technology, please contact our IT Department at helpdesk@shirechristian.nsw.edu.au or call reception. Please email your classroom teacher if you have curriculum or learning questions.

Here are a couple of things to keep in mind.

Teachers will be marking the roll

We are required to mark the class roll each day. If your child is learning at home please ensure that you or your child responds using the mechanism set up by the classroom teacher. Eg. Reply to Seesaw or Google Classroom question. Children at school will be marked present. Parents will receive an SMS if your child is marked absent for not showing at either place of learning. Reply to the SMS if your child is learning at home so that we can amend our records.

YouTube, Clickview and Zoom

Teachers will post documentaries or other teaching videos that may be found on Youtube or Clickview in Google Classroom. Please be aware that students will be able to access other content on these websites using their Chromebooks, therefore you may need to monitor their computer use of these sites. Teachers may not be able to monitor this usage as well as they can when at school. The purpose of Zoom is for teachers to communicate with their class each morning. It should not be used as a chat tool by students.

Children at school

Children who need to attend school during this time will be supervised to complete their remote learning activities. It is unlikely that they will have their usual classroom teacher, but rather a Learning Support teacher or teacher from another grade. They will usually complete their learning activities before lunch then another activity in the afternoon. If you are needing to send your child/children to school please enter this on the [Google Form](#) to help us in our planning. Children who attend school will



need to bring a water bottle each day as bubblers are turned off. They will also need to bring their learning resources and Chromebooks (Years 3-6) each day. Please be aware that the health advice is that students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return to school until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.

Parent Tips

When learning at school, teachers organise the lesson time with class discussions, use concrete materials, partner or group activities etc. This is not possible in learning remotely. Therefore, this means that your child may complete their work earlier than the end of a school day. That's OK! There are other activities that children can access if you need them to. We encourage you to check their work when completed, then it is absolutely fine for them to play, do some exercise in the afternoon when their work is finished.

We encourage families to set a routine for the day that includes time for work, time to play, time to eat and time away from screens. Try to set a routine that works for your family. You may find it helpful to break the day up into 2 or 3 sessions with food and play breaks in between.

[Here is a poster](#) with some suggestions of how to help manage your family during this time.

Thank you for partnering with us,

Mr Paul Carter
Head of Junior School

*Proverbs 3:5,6
Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.*