



# Hawkesbury High School

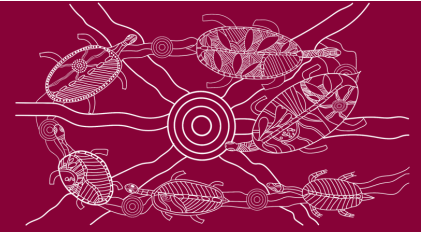
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to thank you for your commitment and dedication in supporting our young people as they engage with online learning at home. This is a challenging time for all, but I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation of everything you are currently doing at home to continue engaging your children with learning.

As we face the challenges of dealing with COVID-19, including social distancing rules, changes to daily routines, job losses and all the stresses and anxieties of facing the unknown, it is more important than ever to work together and support each other to give our children the best opportunities to grow as learners and to continue with their social and personal development.

I am hoping that you are regularly checking the school's website for updates in relation to the latest news in relation to what the school is doing to support learning from home. The website also includes links to the latest Department of Education advice related to COVID-19. The information can also be accessed through <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>. The school's Facebook page and the Skoolbag app are also a good source of information on the latest news and developments.

The school is also making sure that the Student and Parent Portal is regularly updated with the latest features. I urge all parents to register for the Portal as academic reports, including Year 12 Half-Yearly Reports and Year 7 and 11 Progress Reports will be available through the portal. Information on how to register for the Student and Parent Portal, including the unique access key, has been mailed home to all parents. A separate letter outlining the registration process will also be emailed to you shortly in case you haven't registered yet.

Teachers are working hard to produce suitable work for online learning. All teachers have set up their classes on Google Classroom and have been checking in with students via email in relation to the work. Teachers will also contact parents if they have any concerns. If a teacher contacts you, please take this opportunity to ask questions or identify any concerns. Online learning is new to all of us, so any feedback is greatly appreciated. If your child does not have a Google Classroom code, please ask them to check their [@education.nsw.gov.au](mailto:@education.nsw.gov.au) emails, or you can contact the school for the relevant codes.

I would once again like to reiterate my appreciation of everything you are doing as a parent at this challenging time. I would also like to emphasise that, as a parent, you are in the best position to decide what is best for your child, including balancing family pressures and your child's wellbeing with the demands of online learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact me of 4579 6800 if you would like to discuss any concerns or if you require additional support.

Yours truly,

Igor Maric  
Principal