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## WEST WYALONG HIGH SCHOOL

### Learning from home

Greeting parents/carers of WWHS students, I thought it was appropriate to update our community on current conditions at WWHS and expectations moving forward during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although our school remains open, parents and carers are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home if possible. Any student whose parents or carers are not able to appropriately supervise their children at home, should continue to attend school. It may also be appropriate that children and young people with additional vulnerabilities continue to attend school. Students who attend school will be supervised however, normal face to face lessons are cancelled. Staff are working on developing appropriate resources for learning at home.

Over the next two weeks we will have developed suitable learning from home resources for all students. The Department of Education has developed an excellent online webpage with lots of appropriate resources. These resources can be downloaded at school or anywhere that has a link to the internet.

We will keep parents and students informed about the availability of our school developed resources. Most students have already been given some suitable work to complete at home. We will continue to refine our communication methods to incorporate further resources that can be accessed by all students particularly those families with little or no internet access. In some cases "hard copies" of tasks will be mailed home or downloaded at school onto devices. We will have a **package of work for students Years 7-10** that will not require internet access. These packages can be collected from the school this **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March after 11am**.

We will continue to support and liaise with our students and families to provide suitable education during these challenging times. We would like to maintain close engagement with our families and accordingly we will provide email or hard copies to all students and parents if they request a copy.

For those students studying the **HSC, NESA** has indicated that the HSC will proceed with some flexibility in adjustment of assessment tasks and possible changes to the number of tasks and their weighting. Students will not be disadvantaged if they stay at home, and our teachers will keep all Year 12 students well-informed about any adjustments and changes to tasks.

Limited **school counsellor services** will be available during school hours, by our counsellor in training, Ms Kate Woolfe. You can contact Ms Woolfe on 69722700. Our **school canteen** is also closed until further notice.

To help us gauge some of the necessary support for our students, please indicate if you have any issues related to internet access, student electronic devices and if you would like to be copied into any email correspondence with your child. Please note, students who **borrow electronic devices** at school may take these devices home to complete school work.

On the reverse side of this page please find a guide to suggested study hours for each subject.

### Survey (please complete and return the information to the school via an email or phone call)

Internet access is a problem	Yes	No
I do not have access to a suitable electronic device	Yes	No
I would like email copies of correspondence	Yes	No

My email address is .....

## Recommended Learning Hours per Week

### Year 7

English	2.5 hours
Mathematics	2.5 hours
Science	2.5 hours
HSIE	2.5 hours
Languages	2.0 hours
Technology	2.0 hours
Creative Arts	2.0 hours
PDHPHE	2.5 hours
PBL	2.0 hours

### Year 8

English	2.5 hours
Mathematics	2.5 hours
Science	2.5 hours
HSIE	2.5 hours
Technology	2.5 hours
Creative Arts	2.5 hours
PDHPHE	2.5 hours

### Year 9/10

English	2.5 hours
Mathematics	2.5 hours
Science	2.5 hours
HSIE	2.5 hours
PDHPHE	2.5 hours
Elective 1	2.5 hours
Elective 2	2.5 hours
Elective 3	2.5 hours

**Year 11 Hours** - 4 hours per subject

**Year 12 Hours** - 3 hours per subject

**Note:** Homework and assessments tasks may require your child to spend longer on a particular subject.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please phone the school if you have any questions or concerns. The Department of Education has also developed an excellent online resource, <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home>

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