



Bonython Brief: Approach to Learning at Home

With the global pandemic of Covid-19 in 2020, schools across Australia are facing unprecedented times. At Bonython we are working hard to ensure our students can continue their learning. We continue to aim to support learners to become active and informed citizens who take responsibility for themselves, others and the environment and build and value respectful relationships. We continue to learn through inquiry pedagogy to develop self-managers, communicators, collaborations, researchers and thinkers. At this uncertain time, health and wellbeing have never been more important. We all need to take care of ourselves and our families.

What is Bonython's approach to Learning at Home?

We believe in authentic learning experiences for children that are open-ended and flexible. Learning from home will happen both online and offline. Families will be able to use the resources provided to design a learning program which best meets the needs of their individual children and family circumstances. Each team will share their specific communication strategy for the timing of the release of learning experiences from educators.

Teams from across the school will be using the SeeSaw platform to communicate with families and assign learning experiences. Students and families are also able to share examples of home learning with educators with pictures, videos, voice recordings, notes and completed SeeSaw tasks. Using SeeSaw, educators can upload pre-recorded videos and tutorials to demonstrate and model strategies, lessons and technology applications.

Weekly overview grids are provided by teams to allow for flexible home learning options. Learning experiences will be organised into key concept areas and learning experiences will be framed through questions. There will be opportunities for students to continue to inquire into our four curriculum worlds: the Natural World, the Physical World, the Social World and the Personal World. Structured learning experiences will be released through the week. We encourage children and families to pursue personal and spontaneous inquiries linked to passions. What are you interested in? What new skills and hobbies can you learn together? What can you research together online?

Unit specific additional information:

Namadgi and Tidbinbilla students are more technologically literate and can work more independently. For these reasons, the senior teams will also be using Google Apps for Education to organise learning at home. This includes students' Google Drive, Classroom, Hangouts for video conferencing and Forms to complete polls and surveys. Students have their schoolsnet username and password.

Yerrabi students have received packs with hard copy resources, including work from tray materials, and visuals.

How will we check-in and connect with families?

At Bonython Primary School quality relationships and community spirit continue to our number one priority. We want to have a presence in your family life during these times. Regular Facebook, SeeSaw, video conferencing and phone check-ins enable us to connect with students and families.

We will be using the Bonython Facebook page to share home learning experiences. Please continue to email and post on SeeSaw. These posts will help our community to share ideas for home learning routines and experiences.

Educators will be able to provide feedback on student learning that is submitted through the online platforms.

Where can we access technology support?

The first point of call is the classroom teacher who may consult with the BPS Digital Technology coaches to obtain required information/strategies. Basic troubleshooting may be assisted by tutorials for SeeSaw and the Google apps commonly found on You Tube. The ACT Education Directorate will be providing support for teachers through a troubleshooting hotline.

Additional resources/links :

- ACT Directorate - Online Learning Resources www.education.act.gov.au
- Digital Backpack - Access to the Google Apps for Education backpack.ed.act.edu.au
- SeeSaw Apps
- BPS Brief- staying safe online (to be created)