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Dear Families

Remote Learning & Technology

As part of our Remote Learning plan, teachers will, again, be communicating via ClassDojo and running Zoom sessions for students.

While we recognise the benefits of students maintaining social connection with their classmates and teachers, the main educational purpose for the use of video conferencing is to provide extra support or extension to small groups of students who require a little more direction from their teacher/s. The number of VC's and the length of any one session will vary depending on the needs and capabilities of the different student cohorts. Some students will only require a 10-minute teacher VC once a week to touch base, while others may require additional VC's with specific educational aims and learning intentions.

Zoom is the VC platform that we will, again, be using.

Please note the following information.

- During the initial VC sessions, teachers will revise some of the rules & expectations for teachers and students when involved in VC's. Students will have the chance to communicate with some of their classmates and their teacher and share how they are going with their Remote Learning.
- Teachers will schedule/timetable students for daily/weekly VC's.
- High standards of behaviour are expected of all students during VC's.
- All students are asked to wear their school sport shirt for VC's.
- Conferences will be between staff and small groups of students.
- Student passwords, meeting schedules and meeting names will be communicated to students and families via individual Dojo messaging.
- Families are asked to set technology in areas of the house so that students can be supervised. **Child Safety is our highest priority.**

Other Safety Considerations

While we know that the use of video conferencing provides additional benefits, with this opportunity comes increased responsibility. At all times, students must **respect** themselves, their classmates and their teachers.

Specifically, we remind all staff, students and families of the following when participating in video conferences:

- Be mindful of the immediate surrounds during a video conference (ie. what can be seen and/or heard).
- Protect privacy of participants.
- Under no circumstances post information from a meet, including images, on social media platforms.
- Under no circumstances video, photograph or record in any way a video conference.
- Do not post personal information online during, or as a result of, the video conference.
- Only attend meets you have been invited to (no dropping in on your brother or sister's VC session!).



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We expect there may be some initial bumps and technical teething problems, but we will find a resolution together.

Kind regards

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