



Dear Parents,

We don't need to tell you that we are living in tricky and strange times.

We cannot make the decision for you to keep your children home or come to school. We respect your decision, whatever you choose.

At this time, teachers are still teaching students here at school, and also preparing a package of learning ideas, assignments and activities for your children to do if/when the SA Govt decides to close schools. I hope that you can understand that they are busier than ever keeping up with the ever-changing requirements for dealing with COVID-19. If you choose to keep your children home the KICE website has some links that can support your child's learning at home.

Some other ideas to support you:

- Set a daily schedule – (include food and activity breaks) stick to it
- Include outdoor activity whenever you can
- Read with and to your child daily, for older children, do a novel study (read together and chat and write reflections)
- Ask them to record their experience at this time in history, in a journal – for younger children this will be a picture that you might even need to scribe for. Older children – half to full page a day.
- Write a letter to other people. Email too. (physical isolation doesn't mean social isolation)
- Select several online activities, and use these consistently – see KICE website: <http://www.kice.sa.edu.au/kice-external-access/>
- Go online – NaturePlay & NRM have some great outdoor ideas, as do many other websites at the moment.
- Do some cooking – maths, reading, comprehension, oral language are all involved
- Play some games – card games and board games are great ways to learn!
- SA Dept for Ed website has some ideas: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>
- NSW ED Dept has even more ways to help you: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home>

Please use SeeSaw or usual mode to contact teachers – this will be monitored regularly. Thank you for your support and understanding – separated but together we will kick this!