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Dear parents and carers,

Week 2 of Term 2 draws to an end and I would firstly take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support during these strange times.

Each day we have a small number of Year 7 – 10 students attending school because their parents are essential workers and/or because they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made.

Students can only attend school if there is a current **On-Site Attendance Form (attached) submitted at the front office or via email (rutherglen.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au). A new form must be submitted by Thursday each week for the following week.** On most days we will operate a limited Canteen but students should bring food from home.

Year 7 – 10 students should be following the school's structure (**Attached**) which is based on the Education Department's recommendations.

Students need to follow the schedule because that is when subject teachers will be online, monitoring and responding to student emails etc.

A common thread in parental feedback this week is that many students and families are a little overwhelmed by the amount of work set. I have specifically asked teachers to set less work – let's aim for quality not quantity.

For some students the situation is the opposite. If students complete the set work and have time available, they can always:

- read a novel then write a book review
- find a newspaper or magazine article and complete a summary
- watch a Science or History documentary
- use the Athletics site
- check out ABC sites such as Cool Maths

I am also firmly of the opinion that not all learning comes from school. Why not have students learning 'life skills' around the house, around the farm etc.? Cooking, making things, and even playing certain games are educational.

VCE, VET and VCAL classes operate online or face-to-face on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. (see attached)

This is in line with departmental guidelines that small groups of VCE, VET and VCAL students are authorized on-site to complete their learning requirements if this is necessary and cannot be undertaken at home. Specific, further information about this will continue to be provided by individual subject teachers. All appropriate physical distancing and hygiene measures will be put in place.

Students attending VCE/VET/VCAL classes on-site:

- do NOT need to complete an on-site-attendance form as they will be supervised by their class teacher
- are required to wear school uniform (except for practical subjects such as Engineering)
- have access to limited Canteen options but should bring food from home. They will NOT be allowed to go down to the shops to buy food as this is not abiding by government social distancing requirements.

Thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Rogers

Principal