

CECIL HILLS HIGH SCHOOL 2021 Online Learning & Wellbeing Handbook for students and parents

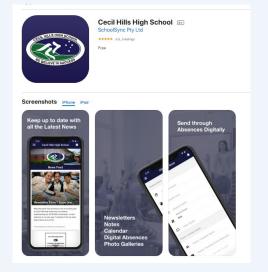
Cecil Hills High School strives for excellence in learning, teaching and leading and we believe in sucess. Our diverse learners are respectful, responsible and successful and connect with their teachers to succeed and thrive. Our teachers use positive behaviour for learning principles. Our teachers use flexible and innovative teaching practices to develop future-ready students. They build leadership skills in themselves and others to ensure our school operates in a framework of excellence.

Communication

It's important for all of us to keep connected as a school community using the following channels.



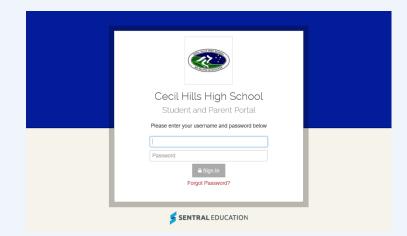
Download the free school app to receive alerts. Press the App Store or Play Store icon on your device and search for "Cecil Hills High School". You can also subscribe for Email Updates.



Register or log in to the Parent Portal to stay up to date with news and resources. This will allow you to access information regarding school reports, individual timetables and more. <u>https://cecilhills-h.sentral.com.au/portal/login</u> Visit the CHHS website at <u>https://www.cecilhillshigh.nsw.edu.au/</u> This has links to important policies and documents.

The CHHS Facebook page has regular updates and information: https://www.facebook.com/CecilHillsHighSchool/





Online Learning

Students should follow their usual daily timetable routine with period lengths now <u>60</u> <u>minutes</u> instead of 75 minutes.

1. Log on to the Student Portal for student daily messages: <u>https://cecilhills-h.sentral.com.au/</u>portal/login



2. Be online at 8.35am during Connect for messages from your teacher or Year Advisers.

GRADE	CODE		
Year 7	Google Classroom: rfbdfwb Microsoft Teams: Irkgdbm		
Year 8	Google Classroom: lfyw2sq Microsoft Teams: ym72m4a		
Year 9	Google Classroom: TBA Microsoft Teams: vm93kro		
Year 10	Google Classroom: umfy4gz Microsoft Teams: fnn9gq0		
Year 11	Google Classroom: qrznyb6 Microsoft Team: 7pdyex8		
Year 12	Google Classroom: qbhhecc Microsoft Team: 2q0suzg		
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Microsoft Teams

3. Check Microsoft Teams at the beginning of each lesson where your teacher will provide an introduction to your learning. Your teacher may provide you with a link to other online learning platforms such as Google Classroom or Moodle.



4. Make sure you regularly check your education email at: <u>https://portal.det.nsw.edu.au</u> CECIL HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

How to engage with online learning

FOCUS EXPECTATIONS OF ONLINE LESSONS



1.) ENGAGE WITH THE MATERIAL BEING PRESENTED

Ensure you are being successful by following the instructions given to you by the teacher.

2.) FOLLOW ONLINE FORUM ETIQUETTE

Respectfully type comments that are relevant to the work presented. Be respectful in the comments made and language used.





3.) CONTACT YOUR TEACHER FOR SUPPORT

You are responsible for contacting your teacher for assistance during school hours. Use respectful language. Remember you might have to wait your turn. Be patient.

4.) VIRTUAL DISCUSSION ETIQUETTE



In a discussion, it's important to talk one at a time. Be respectful and wait until the teacher acknowledges you, then make your contribution.



5.) DO NOT SCREEN RECORD ANY IMAGES OF TEACHERS OR STUDENTS

Be respectful of people's right to privacy to learn in a safe online environment.

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Online lessons are a new experience. It is important to continue to follow FOCUS expectations and follow the etiquette and protocols set out by the school.

Lesson Times



Cecil Hills High School Learning From Home Timetable

Students should follow their regular timetable, using the new online times for Term 3, 2021

8.35am - 8.55am	Connect: Log in to the Student Portal for daily messages Log in to your online year group space for announcements and engage in activities from your Year Advisers Log in to your online learning platforms so you are ready for the day (Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams)
	5 minute break
9.00am - 10.00am	Period 1 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
	30 minute recess break
10.30am - 11.30am	Period 2 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
	30 minute stretch break
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Period 3 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
	30 minute lunch break
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Period 4 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
	5 minute break
2.35pm - 2.55pm	Afternoon Activities could include: Check emails Track your learning to make sure you are up to date Finish class activities Complete all exit ticket or evidence of work as required Complete homework tasks Work on assessment tasks/assignments Make any additional contact with teachers if needed Make study notes and summaries of lessons Log in to Wordflyers (for years 7 to 9) Log in to Mathletics (for years 7 to 10) Access Edrolo (for seniors) Practice past exam papers (for seniors) Read a novel Do some exercise or wellbeing activities

On Tuesdays during period 3 and 4: Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 should complete the Afternoon Activities.

Normal timetable at home with modified bell times:

Students should follow their normal timetable at home as their normal classroom teacher is teaching their normal class online at this time. Please note we are teaching with 60 minute periods with breaks in-between lessons.

Online participation checks:

The school will perform checks to ensure that students are logging into Microsoft Teams and participating in lessons.

Sport:

Sport is time for students to engage in some exercise at home, read a book, play a game with siblings, engage in mindfulness using the Smiling Mind app, listen to music, etc. No work will be directed for sport time by the school.

Scheduling activities that you enjoy can be helpful for maintaining your mood. Circle activities you might like to do or try during this time.

This website also has other activities: https://www.digitallunchbreak.nsw.gov.au/

Reading	Writing a story/ journal	Drawing/ making art	Going for a walk	Talking to a friend	Listening to music	Doing an online workout program at home
Going for a run	WatChing a movie	Playing a board game	Practising my sport skills outside (if you have a yard)	Learning a new language online	Learning to cook something	Dancing
WatChing my favourite series	Researching a new topic	Re-arranging my room	Doing a crossword	Trying mindful colouring	WatChing funny Videos	Colour coordinating my wardrobe
Going for a swim (if you have a pool)	Playing with my pet or teaching it a new trick	Learning a new song	Writing a list of good memories	Μу οωη:	My own:	Μγ οωη:



This fact sheet advises students how to set up an alternative learning environment and best practices to use while working from home.

Setting Up an Alternative Learning Environment Health and Safety Directorate



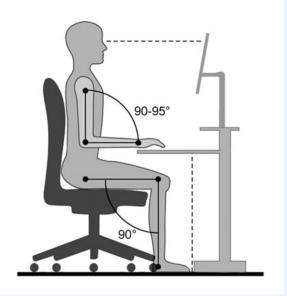
FACTSHEET

Work Station

Having an adequate work station set up at an alternative learning environment/home is essential for students to reduce the risk of injury. It is valuable to get into good habits before problems arise.

The following should be considered when setting up an alternative learning station:

- Is there a fit for purpose work surface, hard drive and monitor, key board and mouse and other necessary equipment (headset, document holder etc.)?
- Is the chair adjusted correctly?
- ⇒ Feet should be flat on the floor and knees bent at right angles with thighs parallel to the floor.
- ⇒ Chair backrest should support your lower back and allow you to sit upright.
- ⇒ Chair should move freely and not be restricted by hazards such as mats and power cords.
- ⇒ Chair arm rests should be removed or lowered when typing.
- Is the computer adjusted correctly?
- \Rightarrow Screen should be positioned directly in front of you.
- ⇒ Screen should be at a distance where you can see clearly and easily without straining. The top of the screen should be slightly lower than eye level.
- ⇒ Keyboard should be positioned at a distance where elbows are close to your body and shoulders are relaxed.
- \Rightarrow Mouse should be placed directly next to the keyboard.
- Are your most frequently used items within easy reach from a seated position?
- Are there sharp contact points on the workstation?



Suitable desk set up

Recommended alternative learning practices

Students are reminded that although they may not be working from their usual school location, they should still participate in working practices that protect their health and safety. The following should be considered:

- Students should take a break every 20-30 minutes to rest eyes; stretch hands, muscles and joints; and to break up repetition and static postures.
- If using a laptop, students should still use a correctly adjusted desk and chair and should refrain from sitting their laptop on their lap.
- Safe and comfortable posture should be adopted, with adequate lower back support.
- Work stations should be regularly cleaned and free of dust.
- Ensure that there is a clear distinction between work and leisure areas if at home. This will encourage you to take suitable breaks and follow similar learning hours to what would be done at school.
- Avoid using smartphones and tablets for prolonged periods of time as the text is generally smaller and straining for eyes.

CHHS Important Contacts

If you have any questions about one of your subjects, contact your teacher during lesson time. If you have further concerns about your learning in a particular subject, please contact the relevant Head Teacher listed below. The Technical Support Officers can support any of your device or connectivity issues.

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	
Principal	Mark Sutton	mark.sutton8@det.nsw.edu.au	
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Assessment Tasks

Assessment Tasks: Every course from Year 7 to Year 12 has regular assessment tasks. Our school website has a copy of our assessment booklets for each grade. Each assessment booklet contains a summary page which outlines when assessment tasks are due throughout the year. You can access the assessment booklets here: https://www.cecilhillshigh.nsw.edu.au/assessment-booklets.

Advice and any changes to specific assessment tasks will be provided by classroom teachers and head teachers.

Homework

At Cecil Hills High School, students are expected to complete homework. This includes revision, studying, assessment tasks, work set by the teacher and any other task that supports teaching and learning within the classroom. Research shows that good homework habits can improve student progress by an additional five months over a calendar year. The following is a guide to the amount of homework to complete:



Year 7 and Year 8:1½ hours each nightYear 9 and Year 10:2 hours each nightYear 11 and Year 12:3 hours each night

Students are required to use their diary to record homework. Parents should note that students will always have something to do at home to support their learning. If your child reports they have completed all of their work, you can work with your child to undertake the following:

Study notes: It is important for students to revise by summarising what they have learned. This can be as simple as writing three summary sentences for each lesson to create study notes.

Reading a novel: One of the best ways to improve literacy is to read a novel. Our school library has many novels and Liverpool City Council libraries at Carnes Hill, Green Valley and Liverpool also have a wealth of reading material: https://mylibrary.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/

Moodle: This is our online learning platform which has a number of resources, links, quizzes and activities for students to complete. You can access Moodle here: https://web3.cecilhills-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/

Mathletics: Year 7 to Year 10 students have a Mathletics account. The website has numeracy activities for students to complete. You can access the website here: http://au.mathletics.com/

WordFlyers: Year 7 to Year 10 students have a WordFlyers account. The website has literacy activities for students to complete. You can access the website here: https://wordflyers.com.au/

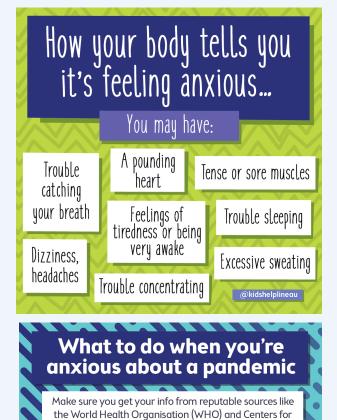
Edrolo: Our school subscribes to this online service for selected Year 11 and Year 12 courses. The website contains video explanations of key content and quizzes for students to complete: You can access the Edrolo website here: https://edrolo.com.au/

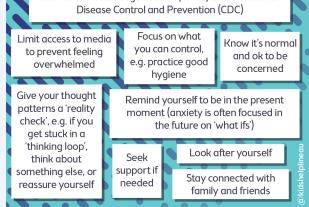
Past HSC exams: The NESA website has past HSC exams. Year 11 and Year 12 students can complete questions from past HSC exams for practise. You can access the NESA website here: https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-exam-papers

HSC Test Yourself App: This app contains self-correcting multiple choice questions from past HSC exams. You can find information on the app here: http://shop.nesa.nsw.edu.au/en/bostes/hsc-test-yourself-%28app%29

Coping Strategies

- While you are at home, try to maintain a good routine. Wake up at a decent hour each morning and try not to sleep too late each night. Having a good sleep routine is important for your physical and mental health, and will make coming to school easier when it resumes.
- Create a routine and plan your day around your routine.
- Do things that make you feel safe; connect to people who are helpful to your wellbeing.
- Do things you've done in the past to help manage challenge and stress; reflect on your own coping strategies and write them down, put them in a place you can access daily.
- Engage in activities that promote a sense of calm and feeling grounded; mindfulness, meditation or breathing exercises.
- Ensure you are getting enough sleep (9 hours), eating a good variety of healthy foods each day, plenty of water and aiming for at least 30 – 60 minutes of exercise a day.
- Find ways to relax, spend 10 minutes a day breathing slowly and calmly or use one of the breathing apps.
- Learn something new or get creative; check YouTube for more ideas. Watch or read something uplifting.
- Limit exposure to information from social media and the news. Source positive news pages and uplifting stories instead.
- Listen to music, choose something that makes you feel good and make a playlist.
- Make a list of activities that you can do at home with your family, with siblings or by yourself.
- Practice gratitude and write a list and draw 10 good things in your life and the world. Or you could start a journal and write down 3 things you are grateful each day.
- Talk with a trusted adult if it all feels a bit much.





Smiling Mind is a resource encouraging mindfulness – paying attention to the present moment with openness and curiosity and free of judgment. Mindfulness is proven to lead to better attention, memory, emotional regulation and self-awareness, resulting in reduced stress, anxiety and depression, social skills and selfesteem. Also available in an app. https://www.smilingmind.com.au/



Thrive Inside is a special COVID-19 initiative to help you stay calm and healthy in the physical constraints of your home, while remaining calm and healthy inside your mind.



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30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together. Please use & share 🙏

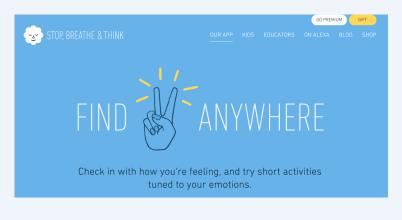
1 Make a plan	2 Enjoy washing	3 Write down	4 Stay hydrated,	5 Get active.	6 Contact a	7 Share what
to help you keep	your hands.	ten things you	eat healthy food	Even if you're	neighbour or	you are feeling
calm and stay	Remember all	feel grateful for	and boost your	stuck indoors,	friend and offer	and be willing to
in contact	they do for you!	in life and why	immune system	move & stretch	to help them	ask for help
8 Take five	9 Call a loved	10 Get good	11 Notice five	12 Immerse	13 Respond	14 Play a game
minutes to sit	one to catch up	sleep. No screens	things that are	yourself in a new	positively to	that you enjoyed
still and breathe.	and really listen	before bed or	beautiful in the	book, TV show	everyone you	when you were
Repeat regularly	to them	when waking up	world around you	or podcast	interact with	younger
15 Make some	16 Rediscover	17 Learn	18 Find a fun	19 Do three	20 Make time	21 Send a
progress on a	your favourite	something new	way to do an extra	acts of kindness	for self-care. Do	letter or message
project that	music that really	or do something	15 minutes of	to help others,	something kind	to someone you
matters to you	lifts your spirits	creative	physical activity	however small	for yourself	can't be with
22 Find positive	23 Have a	24 Put your	25 Look for the	26 Take a	27 Thank three	28 Make a
stories in the news	tech-free day.	worries into	good in others	small step	people you're	plan to meet up
and share these	Stop scrolling and	perspective and	and notice their	towards an	grateful to and	with others again
with others	turn off the news	try to let them go	strengths	important goal	tell them why	later in the year
 29 Connect with nature. Breathe and notice life continuing 30 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time * Everything can be taken from us but one thing: the freedom to choose our attitude in any given set of circumstances ** ~ Viktor Frankl 						
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Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys

Whenever we are having a hard time, there's always something we can do, like remembering a few good things that make us feel happy and grateful or practicing kindness.

- Action for Happiness -<u>https://www.actionforhappiness.org/</u>
- Stop, Breathe & Think -<u>https://www.stopbreathethink.com/</u>







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Stop what you are doing. Check in with what you are thinking and how you are feeling.



BREATHE

Practice mindful breathing to create space between your thoughts, emotions and reactions.



THINK

Broaden your perspective, and strengthen your force field of peace with personalized meditations and activities

FREE APPS THAT MAY ASSIST IN TIMES OF WORRY:				
			SAM – Self Help for Anxi-	
1 Giant Mind	Clear Fear	Mindshift CBT	ety Management	
Aura	DARE	MoodMission	Sanvello	
Breathr: Mindful	e-Couch	Reach Out	Sleep Time	
Moments				
Calm	Happify	Reach Out Breathe	Smiling Mind	
Calm Harm	Headspace	Reach Out Worry Time	Stop, Breathe & Think	
Clear Fear	Health Tap	Relax	Super Better	
DARE	Insight timer	Relax Melodies: Sleep Sounds	Think Ladder	
e-Couch	Mental Stillness	Rootd – Panic Attack Relief	Youper	

CHHS Wellbeing Contacts

The Welfare Team are available to help with your wellbeing needs.

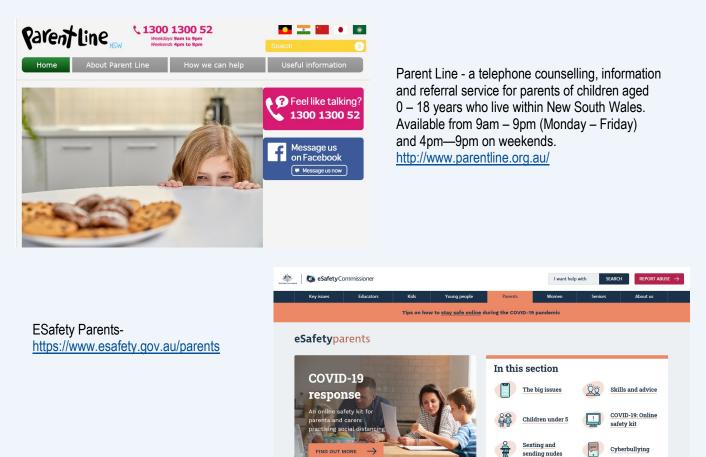
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Support Services

Name	About	Phone	Online
Kids Help Line	For anyone 25 or under - Kids Helpline is a free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.	1800 55 1800 24/7	Webchat 24/7 https://kidshelpline.com.au/get- help/webchat-counselling
Lifeline Clifeline Saving Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.	For all ages - 24-hour crisis support tele- phone service. Lifeline provides 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services.	CALL: 13 11 14 24/7 TEXT: 0477 131114 6:00PM - Midnight	Crisis Support Chat 7:00PM – Midnight <u>https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-</u> <u>help/online-services/crisis-chat</u>
Youth Beyond Blue Beyond Blue	Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live.	1300 22 4636 24/7	Chat Online 3:00PM - Midnight <u>https://</u> <u>www.youthbeyondblue.com/</u>
SANE Australia	SANE Australia supports people living with complex mental health issues and the people that care about them	1800 187 263 10:00AM – 10:00PM	Webchat 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM <u>https://www.sane.org/about-sane</u>
Headspace	eheadspace provides free online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12 - 25 and their families and friends.	Headspace Liverpool 8785 3200	Group Chat 24/7 1 on 1 Chat 9AM - 1AM <u>https://</u> <u>headspace.org.au/eheadspace/</u>
QLife	QLife provides anonymous and free LGBTI peer support and referral for peo- ple wanting to talking about sexuality, identity, gender, bodies, feelings or rela- tionships	1800 184 527 3PM - Midnight	Webchat 3PM – Midnight <u>https://www.qlife.org.au/</u> <u>resources/chat</u>
1800RESPECT 1800RESPECT	Confidential information, counselling and support service, open 24 hours to sup- port people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse	1800 737 732 24/7 Interpreter: 13 14 50	Online Chat 24/7 https://chat.1800respect.org.au/#/ welcome
Mental Health Line Mental Health Line 1800 011 511	A mental health professional will answer your call about mental health concerns for you or someone you are concerned about, including children, teens, adults and older people	1800 011 511 24/7	<u>https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/</u> <u>mentalhealth/Pages/Mental-</u> <u>Health-Line.aspx</u>
stymie	Stymie enables students to report inci- dents of harm, safely and anonymously	CHHS receives notifica- tions via email, dealing with them according to our wellbeing framework	<u>https://www.stymie.com.au/</u>

Helpful Tips for Parents

- **Check in every day with yourself and your family.** Encourage your family at meal time or before bed to share how they are feeling mentally, physically, and emotionally.
- Allow your kids to experience mindfulness their own way. We recommend that you encourage your children to try meditation or mindful games, rather than insisting or forcing it. Doing these activities with them is a great way to inspire participation. Whether your child is being uncooperative or distracted, or if they're fully engaged and happy to be playing a mindful game, either way, allow them to experience their own journey.
- **Approach the activities with openness and curiosity**. While it might seem like there's a "right" way to practice mindfulness, the good news is that there's actually no way to get it wrong! The experience is different for everyone. Notice how you feel in the moment without necessarily trying to change anything or judge what you observe. You may feel more settled after an activity; you also may not. Both are normal and okay.
 - Learn to be with whatever's happening. With mindfulness, it can be tempting to "fix" a problem, yet we're here to remind you to "let go" of any agendas or goals. It's actually more supportive to learn how to be kind and compassionate with yourself especially with whatever thoughts or feelings that come up and the more you can accept whatever is happening wholeheartedly in moments of mindfulness, the more you can bring that approach to all experiences in your life.



COVID-19 Specific Resources for Parents:

UNICEF – Ways to talk to children about COVID-19

https://www.unicef.org.au/blog/news-and-insights/march-2020/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-coronavirus

- The Conversation Suggestions on ways to talk to children about COVID-19
 https://theconversation.com/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-covid-19-133576
- KidsHealth Advice in supporting children through COVID-19 <u>https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-how-talk-child.html?view=ptr&WT.ac=p-ptr</u>



PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING

How can I help slow the spread of the virus?



Stay at home no unnecessary journeys or social contact



You can also go out to exercise once a day



Public gatherings of more than two people are banned excluding people you live with



Only leave home for essential shopping or medical needs



Travel to and from work only if absolutely necessary



Police could fine you if you don't follow the rules



