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## MAINTAINING HAPPY, CONNECTED CLASSROOMS ONLINE

Teachers work hard to build relationships with students and collaborate to provide safe, happy and secure spaces. We know students thrive in learning environments where they can learn, share and grow together.

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### HOW CAN I MAINTAIN THESE RELATIONSHIPS WHEN SCHOOLS SHIFT TO DISTANCE LEARNING?

- Create regular online class meetings or community circles.
- Use platforms such as Google Classroom, Edmodo or Seesaw to allow students to share work and collaborate to work on assignments and provide feedback to each other.
- Check in with individual students/families on a one to one basis at least once a week.
- Reflect on the students and families in your class. Are there some that may need more support, such as; program alterations, more regular communication, recommendations for external family support agencies?
- Encourage your students to engage socially with each other online using age appropriate platforms. Including Seesaw and Padlet for upper primary students and parent approved social media for older students.
- Take the time to go through responsible digital citizenship and cybersafety.
- Try to make learning content interesting and varied.
- Maintain some fun each week. If you are practicing for a concert, do it as a group online. Set challenges (minute to win it etc.) and get students to photograph or video, upload and share to secure spaces. Run a footy tipping competition.
- Reassure students that you are still there to chat if they are struggling. Provide office hour boundaries and instigate regular check ins.
- Provide some motivational, light or funny content as part of each day, such as articles provided by the Good News Network.
- Regularly collect student feedback and act on it in a timely manner.



Students thrive in the stable, supported environments schools provide. Positive classroom cultures and the wellbeing benefits they provide for students, have an impact that can be carried far beyond the school gates. We hope these tips and resources support you strengthening the classroom bonds you've already created. Check us out here for more resources.

