



# Resources for Navigating the Return to Distance Learning

Pivot Professional Learning is here to help you get the most out of your distance learning experience. During the last lockdown we surveyed over 3500 educators to uncover their challenges and learn what worked best for them.

## Our research has shown...

The majority of teachers spent **8+ hours a week** preparing for online learning. 25% reported spending **more than 15 hours a week on planning**



The most critical tools for successful online learning are **resources for distance teaching pedagogy** and a **high quality technology platform**



Teachers are most concerned about a **decrease in student wellbeing** and **learning loss**



**90%** of teachers want **student feedback** on online teaching and learning

**75%** of teachers want feedback on **student wellbeing**

## What we've seen work:

- 1 Sticking to a workday schedule
- 2 Being clear with contact time boundaries for students, families and teachers
- 3 Regularly check in with students to see how they are going
- 4 Keeping up consistent contact with team members and colleagues
- 5 Maintaining a meeting schedule and planning collaboratively
- 6 Gathering feedback from students and families to make program modifications as you go
- 7 Scheduling time to speak to each student at least once a week to maintain relationships
- 8 Going in with a growth mindset and learning with students. This is still a relatively new experience for everyone
- 9 Making time for yourself by prioritising your own health and mental wellbeing

## What you can do today

### Instructional Support

- Collaborate with your colleagues wherever possible. Plan with others and share ideas.
- Refresh students cyber safety understanding using **eSafety activities**.
- Seek feedback from students on the learning tasks they enjoyed during the last stint of distance learning. You could use **Pulse Check** to gather their feedback.
- Create a set schedule to meet with individual students or small groups.
- Try these websites for planning and delivery of content: **FUSE** and **ABC education**.

### Feedback

- Create short surveys to distribute to students and families to help inform planning. You can use our ready made **Pulse Check** question banks to assist. **Learn more about Pulse Check.**
- Try these **Distance Learning Assessment Strategies**.
- Collect feedback on distance teaching and learning to gain an understanding of how students and teachers are managing the new learning environment. Trial the Distance Learning version of our Student Perception Survey on Teaching and Learning for free **here**.

### Wellbeing

- Send out clear communication guidelines for families and stick to allocated communication times.
- Try these **tips for teachers and leaders to work effectively from home**.
- Watch this video on **self-care strategies** for teachers.
- Consider setting up regular 'office hours' to be available to others.

### Engagement

- Play games or run quizzes during video conferences.
- Incorporate funny stories or videos into explanations.
- Make time for conversation in your classes. The social connection available during your classes may be the only opportunity for a student to interact with peers.
- Share these **home learning strategies for parents**.
- Try these **strategies for maintaining a happy and connect online classroom**.

