

# Ideas of what you might say to your teacher when you are away from school in hospital/HITH etc (for secondary students)

And if you want, you could give them this whole sheet!

- I am disappointed I will be missing your lessons and keeping up with everyone in the class.
- Please keep in touch with me so I know what is happening at school and so you can send me the work I need to do.
- It would be wonderful if you could SKYPE or use technology in some way so I can join in a lesson and keep in touch with everyone.
- I will try my best to complete the work I am missing but I may not be feeling great. I will also be very busy having lots of medical appointments while I am in hospital.
- Please could you only give me the key/most important work to do – I won't have time to catch up on all the work that I am missing.
- To save time, when you know that I have an upcoming admission, could you put together a work pack, which has my key tasks to complete. Then, way, the hospital teachers can start working with me from Day 1.
- Having time extensions for coursework is often very helpful. It can take some of the pressure off me.



- Please don't say anything like "Try not to be away during term time" as I can't control when I have to go into hospital.
- There are hospital teachers who I will hopefully be able to see and work with. However, I will only get about 1 hour's help (maximum) each day.
- The teachers at the hospital might call you to ask if there is any work I need to get done and they will help me complete it.
- You can contact the hospital teachers at the hospital anytime if there is some work you would really like me to do (contact details are on the back page).
- Thanks for helping me with my work and assisting me in keeping up, I really appreciate your time and support.

## Hospital Teacher Contacts

If I am at **Monash Children's Hospital** the best teacher to liaise with is:

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