## Media Release

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## PARTNERSHIP WITH ABC TO SUPPORT LEARNING FROM HOME

Primary school students now have access to interactive learning resources to support their remote and flexible learning thanks to a partnership between the Victorian Government and the ABC.

Minister for Education James Merlino announced this week that the first set of 15 learning activities connected to educational programs are screening on ABC ME (20-24 April) and have been added to the Victorian Government's new Learning from Home website.

The activities for English, Mathematics, Science and Geography, have been designed for primary school students and are aligned to the Victorian Curriculum. Teachers will be able to use these resources to assist in delivering remote learning.

Students will be able to watch programs on TV via <u>ABC ME</u> or online via <u>ABC iview</u>, and then complete learning activities linked to the programs.

This has been made possible due to the Victorian Government's long-term partnership with the ABC, which supports the national broadcaster to enhance its educational programming to deliver additional curriculum-linked content to children of all ages.

Almost all Victorian students are learning from home during Term 2 to increase physical distancing and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Victorian schools have been using both online and offline education materials that can be completed by students at home, with the Andrews Labor Government recently launching the Learning from Home website to help teachers teach and students learn remotely.

## Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"Schools, staff and teachers, and our students and families across Victoria have responded well to learning from home, despite the challenges it presents."

"Partnering with ABC to provide learning materials via TV will give students a new way to learn and help keep them engaged as they learn from home."

"This is a big change and it's not always easy, but we'll continue to support our students, teachers and schools every step of the way."