



COVID-19 Update 24 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding the Corona Virus. The school acts on advice from the Department of Education and they take direction from the state and federal Health Departments. They have determined that WA public schools will remain open until the end of term to support students whose parents have chosen to send them to school. If a parent chooses to keep their children at home due to a perceived risk the absence will be recorded as a Reasonable absence (code R).

The focus for our staff is on delivering continuity of teaching and learning in the classroom. Our aim, wherever possible, is to maintain programs at school but there will be some changes due to circumstances including Work Place Learning and the cessation of Instrumental Music School Services. All excursion, assemblies and after school activities have been cancelled until further notice. With regard to Physical Education classes we ask that students come to school wearing their Physical Education uniforms on the days they have the subject to minimise the need for close contact in the change rooms.

For those who have made the decision to keep their child at home Connect is the platform to access course and program outlines, activities and resources including links to Education Perfect when appropriate. The Department has developed a website called Learning at Home which can be found at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home> and more materials will be progressively added to the site. Those students who are not attending school as a result of any circumstances related to COVID-19 will not be penalised for not completing an assessment. Work completed at home may require a revalidation process once a student returns to school if the work is to contribute to the final mark.

The school has initiated a number of strategies to reduce the number of students in any given area. As you are aware we have staggered lunch times for middle and senior school students. The Café has regulated the number of students able to enter the café at any one time and we have closed the seating area. Staff are regulating the number of students in the library during lunch breaks.

We have implemented additional cleaning in all classrooms and common areas. Students are encouraged to wash their hands regularly using soap and water and access hand sanitiser which is available in offices, the café and the library.

I have attached an infographic that you may find useful. In these challenging times please be assured that our teachers and other staff are supporting all students in their care.

Regards

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Principal