

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to provide you with an update about the Covid-19 situation and our school.

This morning, the Premier announced that public schools **will** remain open as a measure to ensure **health and other essential service workers** can continue with their roles during this pandemic.

***Parents and carers are encouraged to keep their child at home and learn from home. Students learning from home will be marked F – flexible learning.***

Our school is preparing continuous learning for students while working remotely from home. During this time, we ask for your assistance in establishing routines and expectations for your child and use the suggested timetable provided by our school to continue with their school work, from the first day at home. It is important to maintain routines for your child/children include regular wake up times/bed times and taking breaks for morning tea and lunch.

To assist with learning from home, the staff have put together a learning package for the remainder of the term with a timetable. We have provided reading resources or a school magazine that all students are expected to read and also complete the tasks from the provided grid.

Our school Facebook page and Twitter account will be updated regularly with information. You will also receive information through our Sentral system via email.

Additional online school work will be provided and grade packages of work available outside the office in plastic tubs at the end of the week for next week. We will communicate to you regularly to keep you informed. 'Learning at Home' will be the same learning at school as it is at home.

Additionally, The NSW Department of Education has launched a 'Learning from Home' hub on the department's website which provides information and resources for teachers and parents to support students learning from home. Teaching strategies and resources, learning sequences, student workbooks and materials are being regularly added to the page for students.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home>

Our teachers will be communicating online using Seesaw throughout the school day but may not be able to respond immediately to students at home. They will inform students of how they will communicate and when. We would like our students to check in with their teacher in the morning and again at the end of the day.

It is important to note that this is not a time for students to be at shopping centres, watching television, playing video games, riding bikes and playing with their friends in local parks during our regular school hours. This will not help students and disrupt their normal learning routines. Covid-19 is serious and limiting contact by social distance is advised by the Department of Health.

Our school will continue classes for essential workers and parents wishing to send their child to school but there may be a number of staff changes due to teachers own individual circumstances.

Consistent with current guidelines, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice, if any student becomes unwell, parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child from school.

All members of the community are encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly and avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth as this is a major way to pick up infections.

The school will reinforce hygiene practices with all our students, and we ask that this be supported at home. This includes:



1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell** and in schools, send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day.

I ask too in the interest of the wellbeing of students and staff on site that parents drop their children at the gate each morning. Please observe social distancing guideline at the afternoon pick and once you have your child/children, please exit immediately.

This is a difficult and challenging period for all of us. We are mindful of your child's wellbeing and will continue to support this at school. Please take the time to sit with your children and explain the current situation, this will reduce their anxiety.

Robyn Evans  
Principal