

20th March 2020



Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Firstly, our parent community have been exceptional in keeping students' home who are unwell with coughs and colds and ensuring they are well before returning to school. Thank you for all your support. This is helping our community to stay well.

Students or staff who present flu like symptoms at the school will be sent home.

Secondly, as you are aware the Federal and State Government require schools to remain open during this current situation unless they determine that this needs to change.

It is understandable that some parents are choosing to keep their children at home during this uncertain period.

Please understand that whilst school is continuing as normal it is difficult for teachers to provide 'study at home' packages. However, they will try to make arrangements as best as possible, this may include revision activities, reading and the online resources that your children currently use. I can assure you that if we are instructed to close the school, students will be given work to complete at home during their time away from school. I must commend the staff for the amazing effort they have put in, at extremely short notice, to prepare these tasks and lessons.

We are trying to keep school as normal, safe and stress-free as possible for all children and to make the minimum of changes that are required to meet the new requirements.

Some further recent school developments include:

- The upcoming mental maths parent workshop on 26th March, has been postponed.
- The Friday morning 'play group' has been cancelled until further notice.
- Where possible, students seating arrangements have changed from groups to individual positions in order to improve social distancing.
- Children are being asked not to drink directly from the drink fountain but rather to fill and use their drink bottle.
- Collaborative conferences scheduled to commence in just over a week have been cancelled, instead teachers will provide parents a brief progress report.
- Year 6 camp has been cancelled. We are trying to secure a few days towards the end of the school year.
- School Photo Days have been postponed until later in the year.

These are very difficult and unprecedented times and I thank everyone for your ongoing support both in your actions and verbal feedback. If you have a question regarding this email or need to have further clarification, then please contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Lamb'.

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