



NOTICE TO PARENTS RE COVID-19 and SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

On Sunday evening the Prime Minister has stated that parents have the right to keep their children at home from school if they feel they are at risk. Parents are being supported in their choice to keep their children at home and we believe there will be an increasing number of our parents who will make this choice. In addition to this the Premier of NSW has stated 'parents are encouraged to keep their children at home'. If you identify the need to keep your children away from school, it is expected that this will be until you feel this risk has passed. This strategy is not proposed as a part time or part day attendance model. In light of this, we ask that parents exercising this right to keep their children at home, contact the school and we will adjust our records accordingly. Their attendance will not be negatively impacted.

Our school will continue to operate for those parents who cannot make that choice because they are identified as working for essential services such as the health system, education system, emergency services and other essential services.

If you are choosing to send your child to school it is asked that you;

- Support full attendance by having students at school before 9am and through until 3.20pm. Students arriving at irregular times disrupts learning and makes it impossible to plan for the day ahead, ensuring we have measures in place to protect your child.
- Explain to your child the importance of social distancing, hand washing and sneezing/coughing etiquette. This will be reinforced at school.
- Respect our decision to ask you to collect your child home if they are exhibiting any cold or flu symptoms and not return without appropriate advice from a health professional.

As a school we will be taking measures to ensure effective teaching and learning is taking place. In light of this it is worth noting:

- Classes may be combined where numbers permit, to allow for the preparation of online resources.
- Teachers will be enforcing social distancing measures as much as possible in a school environment.
- To support the preparation for the changing school day, there will be no face to face parent interviews with any teaching personnel until further notice. Phone appointments may be booked for any Return from Suspension meeting or other essential conversations.

One unit of work will be offered for study by students irrespective of their attendance at school or at home. Students attending school will be receiving supervision as they complete units of work, not traditional classroom experiences.

We ask for your patience as we make the necessary adjustments to the way schools operate.

We must continue to work together in these unprecedented times. Updates will be provided through our email, text, Facebook and webpage systems. We thank you for the tremendous support you have shown to date and look forward to continuing this relationship for the benefit of all staff and students.

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