



23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the interest of our students, staff and community safety regarding COVID-19 we have made the decision to change the process of drop off and pick up process. To enact social distancing and to minimise the gathering of parents and older siblings at the beginning and end of the school day we are asking that parents make arrangements to meet their child outside of the school boundary and drop them off at the school gate. (Except for students with special needs)

The provision of counselling, mentoring, tutoring and music lessons on and off the school site during the school day will cease for the immediate future. Families are obviously able to arrange for these supports to still occur outside of school hours.

Please also note that there are a number of other strategies the school has in place to support the safety and wellbeing of the students, staff and broader community, some of these are:

1. Social distancing – cancellation of assemblies and other non-essential gatherings
2. Movement – students will stay in their home class for Cultural Studies and The Arts
3. Staff wellbeing – strategies implemented to support our staff
4. Hygiene- increased handwashing, wiping tables and other resources as well as increased cleaning (our school cleaner has been provided with an additional 4.5 hours a day)
5. Student wellbeing – staff supporting students with age appropriate discussions and resources
6. Communication – providing communication to staff, students and parents as quickly as possible as soon as we are informed.
7. Distance Learning/online – developing programs if needed in the event the school is closed.

As communicated in the Newsletter on Friday. It is the Schools and Education Departments position that teachers are not required to take on any extra planning for families that choose to self-isolate their children. If families are keeping their kids home with genuine health issues, we will do what we normally would and that is to provide the current work that is being planned for in class. Please get a letter from your doctor to indicate that this is necessary.

Please sign up to your classes Seesaw account if your class doesn't currently have an account information will be coming home tomorrow telling you how to sign up. See the back of this letter for some learning at home suggestions.

Please, please do not send any students to school who are sick.

Again thank you for your ongoing support through this challenging time.

Kindest Regards

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Principal