



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Premier's Announcement and School Operational Changes
RE: COVID-19**

We have had new announcements made today by the Premier, Minister for Education and the Department of Education that are outlined below. The measures that are to be taken may well impact significantly on your family's present routines so I ask that you read them carefully.

- Parents are now being encouraged to keep their children at home (from Monday, 30th March) if they have the capacity to do so.
- From now until Friday, 3rd April, all students who attend school will continue to be taught as they are now. Due to the low numbers of students expected and some staff absences, it will be necessary to combine some classes in order to make the most of our resources.
- In the last week of term, (6th to 9th of April), all formal lessons will end and teachers will be engaged in professional development, planning and preparation in order to deliver a home based program starting in Term 2.
- We and the Government recognise there will be families who need to send their children to school to continue their employment and we are ready to support you in this. The children who attend in during this week (6th to 9th of April) will be supervised with their work packages but as mentioned, there will be no lessons.
- In preparation for next term, we will need to ascertain from parents their capacity to access online content when they may have two or more children but perhaps only one computer. We will send out a quick survey next week to see who will have difficulty giving each child access so we can plan accordingly.

These are strange days indeed! However, despite the daily routines of our entire community being turned up-side-down and the tremendous stress that many of our families must be under at this time, it has also been really heart-warming to witness people supporting the school and each other with words and acts of kindness. This really is a special community. We will continue to support you and your children in every way we can as we transition to our home based program.

Kind regards,

Mike BLACK
Principal

26 March 2020

Attached: Additional information

Additional information:



- We are mindful of not bombarding parents with a stream of notices. We are trying to find the right balance between keeping you informed without “harassing” you. We feel that sending updates out every other day is about right but will certainly let you know immediately of any significant developments.
- Given that children are encouraged to be at home, Running Club will go ahead as organised on Monday.
- The cancellation of a number of events scheduled for Term 2 include: NAPLAN Assessments, Numero Club, Class assemblies, School Photos, Edudance, Year 6 Camp (though this has been tentatively rebooked for November), Lightning Carnival and Cross Country.
- The two links included are a Connect Step by Step guide for parents and the system-generated email sample that was sent earlier with your P number and link for you to set up your own password. We urge you to ensure that you can access Connect and contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties.

If we come through this closure earlier than expected, we will be working hard to reschedule as many events as we can for later in the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

