

27th March 2020

Dear parents

Yesterday the Premier announced whilst all public schools will remain open until the end of term, families are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so.

I would like to share with you what this will mean for our school community:

Monday 30 March to Friday 3 April

- All children who attend school will be taught as normal.

Monday 6 April to Thursday 9 April - Final week of Term

- Students who attend will be supervised, but not taught normal lessons.
- Teachers and education assistants will prepare teaching programs for Term 2.

Term 2 – commencing Tuesday 28 April

- At this stage arrangement for Term 2 have not been finalised. The State Government is working on developing an education model for Term 2 and beyond in response to COVID-19.

School closure during regular instructional time will disrupt our planned programs, and student learning.

We will aim to provide learning activities and tools that:

- Are within the capacity of our existing workforce to prepare without an unreasonable workload given that we are also currently engaged in the full-time face-to-face delivery of teaching and learning programs
- Have educational value and merit and provide opportunities for practice and consolidation of concepts previously taught

- Are non-compulsory, and will not cause additional anxiety for parents, students or staff
- Are not solely reliant on one platform or form of delivery or access to technology
- Do not require expert knowledge, special resources or equipment to implement in the home

Attendance at school

The State Government recognises there will still be families who need to send their children to school to continue their learning prior to the end of term. These may include:

- children of parents and carers who need their children to attend school to maintain employment
- children who live in families with aged relatives
- children where it is safer for them to be at school.

In the event of school closure, during instructional time, the school will make every effort to provide appropriate instructional materials to minimise disruption to student learning.

Parents can also access resources, activities and information to help your child continue to learn at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

Our teachers have been working really hard to put together a work pack for each year level with activities that will reinforce concepts already taught to supplement the 'Learning at home' resources.

If you do not have access to a printer and would like a hard copy of the work pack, please email Jodie in our office (jodie.norwell2@education.wa.edu.au) with your child's name, year level and class and we will print it for you. Packs will be available for collection the next school day from a table outside the school office. Please take the pack with your child's name. These packs will not be marked or assessed by the teachers.

Please be assured that when I receive further information I will provide details to you as soon as I can.

I would like to thank you for your support and cooperation during this unprecedented situation.

Kind regards



Bea Bouska
Principal