



18 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Due to latest information regarding Covid-19 the School is taking the following measures commencing immediately. This is in response to the PM's inside ban on non-essential gatherings to be no more than 100 people. Although schools are not included in his directive, we need to be able to keep social distancing requirements in mind:

- All events that would normally be held in the Assembly Hall are cancelled immediately, including but not limited to:
 - Merit and Class Assemblies
 - Prayer Liturgies
- If your child is sick, please keep them home
 - If you choose to quarantine your child/ren at home, then encourage them to read from their home libraries, revise basic maths facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), keep a journal and engage in daily writing and make use of the weekly reflections in your child's faith diary
 - Make use of free websites including 'vooks', 'Twinkle', 'Literacy Pro', 'Study Ladder', 'Prodigy', 'Spelling City' and 'KHAN Academy'
- Please follow the government's self-quarantine requirements if you or members of your immediate family have travelled overseas
- Please ensure you remind your children to keep up their personal hygiene steps, including hand washing
 - Children are to bring and drink from their own water bottles
 - The school has placed a number of personal hygiene posters in classrooms and on notice boards around the school
- We have already initiated CEWA's 6 step Covid-19 Action Plan to ensure the health and well-being of all members of our school community, including some of the following steps
 - Covid-19 Action Team created
 - Isolation Area designated
 - Early Years' iPads disinfected regularly
 - Students are to wash hands before and after iPad use
 - Years 3-6 are **NOT ALLOWED** to share iPads
 - Cleaners already disinfect all tables and workspaces
 - All toilets have an automatic disinfectant spray and paper towel dispensers that do not require touching
 - Sharing of food is not allowed
- All whole school incursions and excursions have been cancelled at this stage
- No reading or library books will be sent home as of the end of Week 8 – as per our usual end of term procedures

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At this stage the PM has insisted schools are to remain open and business as usual. We do have a plan in place to deliver curriculum via Teams/internet for our students from Year 3-6 and paper packages are being created for students from Kindergarten to Year 2. We will also send suitable websites appropriate for your child/ren's year levels. We are in contact with our iMaths and reading suppliers to see if we can open it up further for parents and students to access and will advise when these are made available. These steps will be initiated if schools are shut down or if we need to close if we have a notified case of Covid-19. All decisions regarding closure are made in consultation with CEWA and acting upon the advice of WA Health Department. Latest news from these bodies will be displayed on notice boards around the school. We strongly advise you to check the appropriate websites daily.

This is not time to panic and hopefully if we remain calm, then the wider community might also follow our lead. We will continue to advise all regarding any changes, but please let us reassure you that the staff, students and families health and well-being is our main priority.

Please take care and keep well.

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With God all things are possible
Matthew 19:26

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