



# Kindlehill School

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The latest advice we have received from the NSW government is that although schools will remain open, the Premier is strongly encouraging parents to keep children home. We support this advice. The Premier has indicated that schools should provide on campus learning for children of essential services workers, children in need and children of parents with no option other than to send their children to school.

The school will remain open and learning will progress for those students whose parents need them to be at school. Teachers are providing "learning at home" for students not attending school. This is currently being provided via parent emails.

The school is also preparing for the possibility of extended remote learning (learning from home) including online teaching and learning. It is anticipated this will be available for the start of term 2 should the directive come to shut down the school due to the COVID -19 crisis.

For those students who continue to attend school over the next two weeks, there may be some changes to their class routines due to small class numbers and because some staff may also be impacted by the recent advice.

**Please advise your class teacher directly via email if you are keeping your children home.**

We realise it may take time for some parents to set up for supervision of children at home. It is fine to send the children to school while you make your arrangements.

## **Excursions and School activities**

Excursions at this stage are limited to the local area such as an oval or the lake, and to only small class sizes. The teachers will ensure the students are not mixing with other groups from outside the school.

Walk in Wednesday is cancelled for the next 2 weeks.

Music tutorials will continue but will be moved into school hours for those students still attending school. The lunch-time concerts are cancelled. We will investigate online access for next term's delivery of instrument tutorials.

The visits of volunteers and contractors on site are restricted to only those that are essential.

Class parent meetings and social events for this term have been cancelled. This includes the class 5/6 meeting scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We request that parents and carers dropping and picking up children, minimise the time spend on school grounds.

**Health Protection Measures at School**

- Extra cleaning and disinfecting during the day and after school
- Social distancing measures in the classrooms and for activities
- Ongoing support of good hygiene routines for students

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this challenging time. Within the constraints of physical and social distancing, it is our resolve to enable our school community to stay connected and supportive.

Warm regards

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