

New Notice

School Space Ocean Reef Senior High School

COVID-19 Update from the Principal - Wednesday 18 March 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are working together through some very challenging times and uncharted waters. Our priority is keeping students healthy and caring for their wellbeing. Our committed teachers are at school, they also have families, and collectively are working hard to ensure no child is disadvantaged. Parents who have extended their appreciation via email and calls have meant a lot to staff.

We are following the updates and advice provided by the Department of Education and Health and responding by putting actions in place. We have reviewed our planned schedule of events and activities and advise that until further notice camps, excursions, assemblies, ceremonies and parent information nights have been postponed. We recognise that students will be disappointed, but our priority, and that of the Department, is the health and wellbeing of students, staff and the wider community.

Parent interviews are scheduled for this term. We are currently looking at alternative ways (not face to face) of providing feedback to parents. We know how important feedback is for parents. Progress reports have been sent to all parents. At this point in time, booking appointments online through PTO remains in place. Parents will be advised on Friday of the new arrangements.

I respect that parents are considering the difficult decision around their child attending school. The advice from the Prime Minister is for students to attend school unless they are unwell, in which case they stay at home, then return once recovered. Teachers are in front of classes and are not in a position to provide individual work packages. At Ocean Reef we are well positioned to provide work online for students through Connect and in some classrooms through OneNote. Teachers have placed student courses and assessment outlines in Connect and are constantly updating resources for students to access. While we have resources accessible online it never replaces direct teacher instruction.

Advice was sent out last night to students and parents from the School Curriculum Authority about Year 11 and 12 assessment procedures. I encourage parents to read this Connect notice. A similar approach will be adopted for our lower school students in Years 7 -10. Once we have

further advice from the Authority a notice will be sent to parents. It is our view that no child should be disadvantaged due to current events.

We continue to maintain high standards of hygiene for all students and staff. Students are being reminded about the importance of washing their hands and how in these times they might need to rethink how they interact with their friends at school. I encourage parents to talk to your child about the importance of personal hygiene, social distancing and being respectful of others.

We will continue to provide updates to parents. If you have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

Let's keep working together.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Karon Brookes

Principal

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