



Dear parents/carers

Please find attached latest advice from the Education Directorate regarding the outbreak of COVID-19. A variety of new measures are now being implemented to minimise the spread of the virus and to protect our communities. This is in line with the most recent government advice over the course of the weekend. One such measure is the cancellation of all excursions, assemblies and events.

Event and excursion Cancellations

The inaugural Gold Creek Harmony Day event on Friday evening will be cancelled. We are hoping that we can reschedule this at a later date in the year. All school assemblies will be cancelled until further notice. The Welcome Gathering for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families will also be postponed until further notice. Parent teacher interviews scheduled for week 9 may be postponed, however, we are looking at alternate options for running this important opportunity to work in partnership with you.

Below is a list of excursions that have also been cancelled. Attached you will find a refund form that must be completed in order to receive a refund for the cancelled excursions.

Senior Site:

Sydney Jewish Museum & Hyde park memorial - Cancelled
Big day in- IT conference @ ANU- Cancelled
North side secondary swimming carnival- Cancelled
North side secondary touch football day- Cancelled
North Secondary Girls Basketball- Cancelled
North Secondary Boys basketball- Cancelled
Softball- Cancelled

Junior Site:

Christian Education- Cancelled
Bus Wash- cancelled
Netball Gala Day- Cancelled
Primary Futsal- Cancelled

School Camps

We are currently looking at finding a solution for postponing the scheduled years 4, 5 and 6 camps in early May. We will keep you posted. The Advanced Outdoor Education Camp will also be postponed.



Incursions

At this stage some school based events such as Kenny Koala visits will still occur. However, this will be decided on a case by case basis after analysing associated risks. It may also change from day to day based on the most up to date advice from the ACT Chief Health Officer and the Education Directorate.

Student Illness

In order for us to protect our community it is imperative that any child who is sick, even if they have only minor symptoms, must be kept at home. The same applies to staff who are sick. If you choose to keep your children at home, please be sure to inform the school of their absence.

As mentioned in my newsletter article last week it is important for us to remain calm. Our government is well prepared. I will keep you informed as I have new information

Regards
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