



28 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Coronavirus Update- Schooling arrangements for Term 2, 2020**

I trust that this letter finds you and your family well; and that you have been able to safely navigate the extended break from school?

I am writing to let you know about the arrangements for Kenwick School for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children.

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

In this respect, our teachers will contact you today to establish whether or not your child will attend school from tomorrow.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Today, 28 April is a pupil free day. There will be no students at school as staff are using this time for preparation;
- From tomorrow Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them;
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable;
- For those children learning from home, this will be through online or hard copy packages provided to you from school. Details of how to undertake and return the work will accompany the packages;
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each week by phone and/or online;
- Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend school to continue their critical study program;

The State Government is providing \$43 million in additional funding to expand school cleaning, in line with the health advice. Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and hand rails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected. Our playgrounds will be open and play equipment will be cleaned before school and after each break.



Due to the circumstances we are all confronting the following **new procedures** will be in place to maximise student and staff safety;

#### **Parent/carer drop-off/pick-ups**

- Parents/carers are to drop students at either the Primary or Secondary School gates.
- Parents/carers please do not enter the office.
- Drop off times will be limited from between **9:00 to 9:15**; pick-ups from **2:00 to 2:15**;
- Additional staff will be available to assist and direct during transit times;
- Any variation to these times must be arranged beforehand, with the Office (9459 1888);

#### **Fitness for schooling**

- Parents/carers of children with complex medical conditions, are urged to seek medical advice to ensure that school attendance is appropriate
- Parents/carers must ensure that their child is fit for school, meaning their child is not showing signs of ill health (for example runny noses, temperature, coughs etc.);
- If students arrive at school unwell, or develop symptoms during the school day, parents will be required to collect them immediately.
- Students who are unwell will not be allowed to travel on contract school buses;

These arrangements will be in place and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership, support and understanding as we navigate this together.

In closing, to keep up to date with any changes in respect to the schooling and the Coronavirus I once again urge you to access:

1. Our School website and hitting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) information button at <http://kenwickschool.wa.edu.au/> for the latest actions taken to support your child; and
2. The Department of Education website <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/coronavirus-school-update> for the latest on the system-wide management of this pandemic.

Stay well everyone.

Yours faithfully

Mark Watson  
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