



March 15th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that schools are considering closure to enhance the social distancing strategies recommended by governments.

While we hear the advice that school closures can stem the possibility of transmission, we are following Ministry of Health advice which to date has only directed school closures for schools where a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19.

There is a middle path between closure and business as usual which we are following. We have reduced school activities to the absolute minimum of classroom instruction only, with no intraschool gatherings such as assemblies or festivals, and minimising external visitors to essential operational services. This strategy reduces the possibility of transmissions within the school itself. We have now also decided to cancel external Outdoor Education for the term. More information will follow for the particular year groups.

At this stage, the School will continue to be open on this minimal function basis. We will remain so until we receive either a recommendation or a directive to close from the Ministry of Health or other government agencies.

We understand, however, that some parents may wish to keep children at home. If you do, please contact the School to register an approved absence thereby informing the School that you have chosen to access the curriculum and associated resources remotely for the time being.

All teachers are currently preparing learning materials for remote delivery in case there is a recommendation or directive for the school to close, and for students who elect to learn at home. Many of these materials for Years 7 to 12 are already available on Glennaeon Learning Online (GLO) and materials for all classes across the school will be available from Thursday March 19th. GLO is well established and functioning very successfully for Years 7 to 12, and the rollout for K-6 classes this year has gone very smoothly. If you have any issues accessing GLO, please contact glo@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au.

As with all schools, this situation is new territory and our IT department is working to have the system in place across the school, including video access for senior years. Your child's teacher will be in touch with further details of lessons, activities and access.

Thank you for your support through this difficult and challenging period.

With best wishes,

Andrew Hill
Head of School

