



March 13th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware of further advice from the Ministry of Health and the Australian Government regarding ways of containing the spread of COVID-19 through social distancing.

As a result of the new advice, we are reducing school functions to the core activities of classroom instruction. There will be no larger group gatherings such as assemblies or performances.

A number of events have been postponed or cancelled:

- Harvest festivals for primary and high school will be cancelled
- Castlecrag tour has been cancelled
- Open Day (Middle Cove) has been cancelled
- Jazz Café will be postponed (new date TBA)
- The Year 10 Musical will be postponed (new date TBA, likely Term 3)
- All Term 1 Outdoor Education programs are being considered and advice will follow next week.

We further recommend that you limit or cancel any class or year group family gatherings such as class picnics, in order to align with school procedures.

If we are advised or directed to close the school for a period, we have arrangements in place for all teachers to deliver lessons via Glennaeon Learning Online (GLO). I suggest you ensure your home internet connection is robust enough to manage any online lesson delivery.

Can I remind you of our standing advice to parents:

- Only essential visits to schools please and do not come if you are unwell
- We advise against any non-essential travel
- Follow self-isolation advice for your child if any household member returns from high risk countries or has had contact with a known case.

Our crisis leadership team comprises the Deputy Heads of School, our Operations Manager, Finance Manager and myself. We meet daily to receive updates from government and school bodies, and to review our procedures. I can assure you we are fully informed on all aspects of this issue and our decisions are guided by the single focus of maintaining the health of your children while continuing their education in as normal a manner as possible. These measures are necessary but temporary as we all play our part in the resolution of this public health crisis. We look forward to an eventual return to normality.

With best wishes to you all,

Andrew Hill
Head of School

