



# HALLS HEAD COLLEGE ESC

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are certainly in a space of uncertain and unprecedented times. Within the last few days significant decisions have been made around the world with regards to the Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19). We need to look after each other in these trying times as we work through the challenges ahead together.

At Halls Head College Education Support Centre, we have made some hard decisions but these are in the best interest of our students and staff to ensure they are kept safe. These are aligned to Education Departmental guidelines that are also reflective of Department of Health recommendations.

Following directives from the Director General;

- The school remains open with student learning programs being delivered at school until further notice.
- If you or your family return from any overseas destination from midnight 15/3/20 you are to self-isolate for 14 days. Please inform the school. This obviously also applies to staff.
- If you or a family member come in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 please self-isolate for 14 days and inform the school. Due to the potential for a high number of students being impacted upon by the 14-day self-isolation requirement, and students whose parents have chosen to keep them home during the pandemic, **the school will not be providing homework packages**, however, we will be in contact with parents to support with individual student learning where we can.
- Staff will be continuing to focus their energy on minimising the risk to students attending school and the continuity of their classroom teaching and learning. Classroom staff will assist cleaning staff to ensure learning environments are thoroughly cleaned with desks, equipment, doors etc. all cleaned daily.
- Increased supplies of liquid soap/soap will continue to be provided throughout the school with vigilance in hand washing promoted in all areas.
- All large school events will be cancelled, until further notice. This includes;
  - Assemblies,
  - ANZAC service
  - Parent nights
- Excursions are cancelled, until further notice, including;
  - Horsepower
  - JTC ESC program for year 9 students
  - Mr Dixon's boy's program,
  - Eco leader's offsite activities
  - And any other class excursions
- Sadly, this means **School Camp is cancelled**. Further details will be provided in the near future, regarding refunds . We are hoping to reschedule for 2021.
- Work Place Learning for Year 10 students is also cancelled. Students will have a simulated work place learning opportunity at school on Wednesdays.

- In relation to Parent nights or cancelled teacher meetings, we will find other ways to communicate as required and encourage parents to have phone conversations or make email contact if they wish to discuss progress with teachers. We are happy to facilitate conversations via phone or digitally wherever possible. Face to face parent meetings can also still be scheduled if deemed necessary.
- During lunch and recess we will continue to monitor and adapt accordingly to minimise risks as best we can.

These measures highlight the increased focus on ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment for students, staff and our school community whilst at Halls Head College, Education Support Centre.

If you or your child demonstrate any symptoms of being unwell, please stay at home and contact the school.

Like you, in your workplace and sporting/social spaces, we are all working and living within “unknown territory”. However, we must all work together to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of all those round us including our families and ourselves.

I will continue to keep you informed in a timely manner.

To successfully manage this crisis everybody must be on the same page with communication the key. If you are unsure, please consult the website below or ring the school.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/coronavirus-covid-19>

Please stay safe and let's work together to ensure we minimise risks as much as possible.

Yours sincerely



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