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Term 3 update: COVID – 19

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin Term 3, I would like to provide you with the following information in relation to our current operational procedures to ensure our school community remains safe, allowing all members to engage in their learning in a safe and healthy work environment.

Schools are required to follow the AHPPC guidelines.

Physical distancing, health and hygiene measures are in place. Please note that physical distancing of children in schools is not required by the latest AHPPC guidelines.

We strongly promote to all staff and students the need to remain vigilant and take all precautions to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our school and when out in the community. When physical distancing is combined with good personal hygiene, the spread of illness and infection can be slowed.

We remain vigilant in applying infection control and personal hygiene practices while at school. We continue to promote and encourage regular washing of hands, exclusion of any staff and students who are unwell, avoiding the sharing of food and personal items and cleaning of any shared items such as musical instruments, learning and sporting equipment between uses.

Students should continue to bring water bottles from home to fill at water bubblers rather than drink directly from the bubbler.

All students should be either:

- at school
- at home because they are currently unwell
- at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition (or in limited cases where a family member has an ongoing medical condition)

The department requires cleaning to be delivered in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. An enhanced hygienic cleaning process has been implemented in addition to the standard daily clean.

Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. Enhanced cleaning is delivered as part of the daily cleaning of our school.

We are now also receiving an additional clean during the day in line with AHPPC guidance. This includes cleaning frequently touched areas in bathrooms after recess, as well as replenishing supplies such as soap and hand towels that are provided by the school. High touch surfaces such as balustrades and handrails in the playground and stairwells are also wiped with disinfectant. The department is continuing to dispatch critical supplies to schools to help keep their learning environment safe.

I trust that this gives you the confidence that your son/daughter is able to participate in their learning in a safe and healthy working environment.

Julie Tegart
Principal