

Dear Parents and Families, here's the latest from the department:

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

All camps scheduled to commence from and including Tuesday 17 March must be postponed and rescheduled, or, if there is no other option, cancelled. If you have a camp scheduled to commence tomorrow and are able to cancel it, it is recommended that you do so.

Otherwise, no camps can commence from Tuesday 17 March. *(This means that the GRIP leadership conference for the grade 6 children on Thursday is postponed until further notice.)*

For the purposes of excursions, a school excursion is defined to include local parks and sporting facilities regularly used by the school, including local swimming pools.

All excursions outside the school for purposes such as visits to cultural institutions, art galleries, theatres and sporting events or facilities (other than those local facilities regularly used by the school) planned from and including Tuesday 17 March must also be postponed or cancelled.

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS

Everyone arriving into Australia from overseas from midnight 15 March will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This obviously includes students and staff who may be returning from overseas excursions or other travel.

Importantly, it also includes parents and carers and any other relatives or friends of students who are returning from overseas travel. As they are required to self-isolate, they must not visit the school to pick up children or for any other reason.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE VISITS

Based on advice from the Commonwealth Government to protect vulnerable Australians, schools should not visit residential aged care facilities.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

No government school is currently closed or in the process of being closed. You will be informed directly if there is any prospect that Warrenheip PS will be closed, either as a stand-alone school closure or as part of a local or area-based closure.

ORGANISED GATHERINGS

The Commonwealth Government has announced that mass gatherings of more than 500 people are now prohibited. This explicitly does not include schools running the normal teaching and learning program. It does, however, apply to any school event that involves attendance by community members who are not students or staff (where staff includes support staff) and where total attendance will exceed 500. This includes school assemblies and sporting events. It does not include parent-teacher events unless you expect there to be more than 500 people including community members to be present at any one time.

Yours,

Arthur Lane
Principal