



WEST LEEDERVILLE  
PRIMARY

Dear Parents,

While the situation regarding the COVID-19 continues to evolve, it is important that as a school community we apply common sense, factual information and a practical approach to COVID – 19. Following guidelines provided by the Department of Education the following school based decisions have been made regarding events, activities and school procedures.

#### Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled. Money paid for this activity will remain in your child's school-based account.

#### School Disco

The Year 6 camp fundraising disco planned for this weekend has been cancelled.

#### Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 camp has been cancelled. We hope that later in the year we can replace this significant activity in our Year 6 students schooling with an alternative.

#### Excursions

All excursions have been cancelled. This includes Herdsman Lake (Year 2) and Law Courts (Year 3). Money paid for these activities will remain in your child's school-based account.

#### Mandarin cooking activity

This in-class activity has been postponed as we feel it is unwise to do community cooking preparation, at this time. Money paid for this activity will remain in your child's school-based account.

#### Incursions

At this stage, other year group incursions for the next fortnight will proceed. Social distancing measures, such as presentations to small groups of children, will be put in place if appropriate.

#### School assemblies

School assemblies will not take place until further notice. Merit awards will still be awarded and will be announced over the PA system. Parents will be informed by classroom teachers that their child will be receiving an award to make sure they can be celebrated at home. Student names will be published, as always, in the following day's newsletter.

### Social distancing

The Australian Government Department of Health is recommending social distancing strategies to stop or slow the spread of infection. To assist us with this at school, we ask the following.

#### Arrival at school

- If you are a parent who walks your child/children into the school, please refrain from entering the Year 1-6 classrooms unless necessary and move off quickly once your child is safely inside.
- Parents and siblings please refrain from entering Early Childhood classrooms unless your child does not separate easily.

#### Collection of students

- When collecting children at the end of the day please collect them and then go straight home. We strongly recommend that you do not gather together in the playground.

### Homework packages

In circumstances where individual parents withdraw students, without direction from the government/principal, there is no requirement for teachers to provide additional work/lessons. Staff will focus their energy on minimising the risk to students attending school and the continuity of their classroom teaching and learning. Staff are preparing materials in the event there is a school closure.

Should the school close in response to a confirmed COVID-19 case in the future, *all students* will be provided with a home learning program.

### P&C and Board meetings

Next week's P&C and Board meetings are cancelled. These groups will arrange alternative methods of communication to continue their operations and support of the school.

### Who cannot attend school – advice as at 16 March 2020

A mandatory 14 day self-isolation requirement has been placed on all international arrivals into Australia.

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

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.

### How to talk to your child about COVID-19

Below is a link to a Michael Carr-Greg (Senior Psychologist) video that may be useful for parents in how to support their children in these times. We seem to be currently in a time devoid of facts and full of negatives. Highlighting positive, and factual information will help to reduce anxiety and unnecessary worry.

[https://schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus](https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus)

West Leederville Primary School will continue to respond to advice from the Department of Education and The WA Department of Health and regularly provide updated advice to parents.

Attached is the latest information regarding social distancing.

Your sincerely

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