

Camboon Primary School



COVID-19 Update 20 March 2020

Keeping our Students and Staff Healthy

Parents will be aware that all students have been required to wash their hands prior to entering classrooms in the mornings. In order to maintain this clean environment, we are asking that, as of Monday, parents do not enter the classrooms or wet areas. Parents of Pre-primary and Kindy students are also requested to not enter the early childhood playground areas, and to use the back doors of the three classrooms. We are imposing these restrictions in an effort to reduce the likelihood of the virus entering our school. Parents are requested to say goodbye to children outside of wet area or classroom doors.

If parents want to make contact with class teachers, please do so via e-mail. If teachers need to make contact, they will do so either via phone or e-mail. Any planned parent meetings will go ahead via phone, or as otherwise advised by e-mail, but will not take place face to face.

Parents are also requested, where possible, to make any enquiries of the school office by either phone or e-mail. There are times when entering the school office will be necessary, but we ask parents to refrain from doing so as much as possible.

We have put processes in place for other professionals (such as contractors and therapists) who support the school, and at this time, they will continue to do so.

NAPLAN

The combined Ministers' for Education met today and have decided that NAPLAN will not proceed for 2020. The following is taken from the Education Council's communique:

The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning. Further, the impact of responses to the COVID-19 virus may affect the delivery of NAPLAN testing, including the operation of centralised marking centres and the implications for nationally comparable data if an insufficient number of students are available to do the test.

Communicating Confirmed Cases

Parents are requested to report any confirmed cases of COVID-19 from within their households to the principal. This applies to parents/carers, siblings or anyone else who resides in the same house as one of our students. In the event that someone in our immediate community is confirmed, the school will seek support from the Department of Education on how to proceed.

Work at Home for Students

Students whose parents have chosen to keep them home, without seeking medical advice, may not be provided curriculum work and activities, at this time. The priority for staff is to maintain focus on classroom learning programs.

A Word of Thanks

It has been lovely to receive some words of thanks and appreciation from a number of members of our school community. We understand that emotions are heightened and we are all currently in a state of not knowing what will happen next, but would like to reassure everybody that we will maintain clear communication, and endeavour to deliver education as usual to our students. All of our decisions at this point are guided by government advice and are made in the best interests of our students, their families, and staff.

Morning Duty

It is the school's preference that students do not arrive at school prior to 8.35, however, if they do, they need to assemble on the oval where a deputy principal will provide supervision. This is in an effort to maintain appropriate distance and to avoid mass gatherings in an enclosed space.

Yours truly



Janice Cuculoska

Principal

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