

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Following the Prime Minister's and Premier of Western Australia's announcements on Sunday 22/03/2020 the following updates are essential for me to communicate with our community. The Department is working closely with the Department of Health and in particular the WA Chief Health Officer.

A reminder that students cannot attend the College and need to self-isolate if they have:

- returned from overseas travel; they must self-isolate for 14 days from the date of return to Australia;
- returned from interstate travel, from 1.30 pm on Tuesday 24 March, they must self-isolate for 14 days from the date of return to Western Australia;
- been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case and they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of the last contact with the confirmed case;
- been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results should follow the advice of the Department of Health and stay away from school.

Parents are continuing to make the choice to keep students home or send them to the College; we respect whichever decision is being made, relevant to your family circumstance. Ashdale Secondary College is continuing to focus on the delivery of the curriculum in the classroom but is also planning for online learning in the event of school closure. As outlined in previous updates, staff will continue to use Connect and other platforms, but are unable to provide individual curriculum work and activities for students whose parents have chosen to keep them at home. The priority for staff is to maintain focus on classroom learning programs, and in the event of a temporary closure, additional plans will be put into place.

The Department of Education today released a website Learning at Home <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home> which has several resources for parents who have decided to keep students at home. This will help to supplement the usual online learning content that Ashdale staff will continue to post.

Ashdale Secondary College has reviewed its assessment policy guidelines using School Curriculum and Standards Authority advice. These reviewed guidelines are to ensure no child is disadvantaged whether they are onsite or at home. I have attached these guidelines for you.

Further to my update on Friday, an additional day cleaner will be onsite during school hours to clean high contact surfaces with an antibacterial cleanser and adhere to all of the latest guidelines.

Like most in our community, we look forward to this unique time passing us. We thank you for your support and will continue to keep you informed.

Kind regards



Kylie Bottcher
Principal

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