

March 16, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

The past few weeks have certainly been eventful as we process what it means to be part of a Pandemic. There are many rumours with regard to school closures and cases of COVID-19. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of what to expect from our school over the next few weeks.

There is a distinct possibility that students will exhibit flu like symptoms in the next two weeks and early next term. If this happens then it is important that parents make arrangements for their children to stay at home and recuperate. Families may also decide to keep their student/s at home to minimise the risk of them becoming ill. If you choose to do this please make our attendance staff aware of your intentions by calling the absence hotline on 5036 4996 or emailing absceance@shc.vic.edu.au Staff have been asked to post work on DayMAP (our online learning management system) which students will be able to access through any internet connection. Students in Year 7 to 10 can access Maths Pathways to complete work from home and should be completing their normal 20 minutes reading each day.

Hand sanitiser is available at any service desk around the school and we are currently trying to source additional supplies to put in each block. The school is in the process of purchasing additional soap dispensers for toilet blocks and there are posters encouraging good hygiene displayed around the school.

The school has decided to postpone all camps and excursions for this term and for the first two weeks of term 2. We have also cancelled external professional development and postponed the School Athletics sports on Wednesday 18th March. At this stage the Athletics sports will happen in term 2 when the department has deemed it safe to do so.

We have sought advice on the use of the bus interchange as it is a meeting place for more than 500 people. This is deemed as a necessary service for students and at this stage will continue as normal. It is recommended that students who do not use the country buses should not be in this area at the end of the school day.

At this stage there are no planned school closures happening across the state. However, it is possible that we could experience closures in the future. As mentioned earlier, staff will be placing work on DayMAP should this occur.

I would like to thank our community for its continued support in working our way through this pandemic. Please continue to contact the school as you have questions or need assistance.

Yours sincerely



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