

# ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, WANNEROO

## Coronavirus COVID-19 Update as at March 27, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and safe in these unprecedented times. We are fortunate to have such a caring community and we thank you for the support and positive messages we have received. Yesterday's announcement has changed what school will look like at the present and we wanted to send out some further information to provide additional clarity and what is required in these times.

All Australians are required to stay home unless it's absolutely necessary to go outside.

Australians are permitted to go outside for the essentials, such as:

- shopping for food
- exercising – outdoors avoiding contact with other people
- going out for medical needs
- providing care or support to another individual in a place other than your home
- going to work if you cannot work from home

Australians are strongly encouraged to work from home.

If you are sick, you must not attend your workplace or any public areas. You must stay at home and away from others.

All international travel is banned. Domestic travel is to be avoided.

Premier Mark McGowan announced yesterday that parents with children in schools should keep their children home.

This decision has been made to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the Western Australian community and is based on the best national medical advice.

### What does this mean for you?

Only parents who are involved in health or essential services are able to send their children to school. Essential services industries are those that work in supporting health or the community. Technically, if you have a job at the moment and you are required to attend a work site or office you are providing an essential service.

The following table outlines who can come to school and who can't:

<b>Who can come .....</b>	<b>Who can't ....</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children of parents or carers who are in health work and who are attending work where no one else is home</li><li>• Children of parents or carers who are in essential services (a job that requires you to be on site) and who are attending work where no one else is home</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Anyone who has a least one parent or carer at home with them (even if they are working from home)</b></li><li>• <b>Anyone who is sending their child just to maintain routine</b></li><li>• Anyone who is feeling unwell or has any symptoms e.g. cough, sneeze, temperature or runny nose</li></ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anyone who has been in contact with anyone who is experiencing symptoms or is awaiting results</li><li>• Anyone who has had exposure to someone with Coronavirus</li><li>• Anyone who has travelled in the last 14 days</li><li>• Anyone who has come into contact with anyone in self-isolation in the last 14 days</li></ul> |
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Please note that children of families who are involved in health or essential services and who attend school will not be in their regular classrooms. They will be spaced out in one area with multiple year levels and will work on the same remote platform that students from home will be working on. **Direct teaching will not occur, but supervision will be provided.** If your child is attending the school on Monday, we need you to email the front office on [admin@stanthonyswann.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stanthonyswann.wa.edu.au) prior to sending your child. Parents will not be required to contact the school if their child is remaining at home from Monday, 30 March.

Schools will now revert to our remote learning platform where students can work from home. Teachers will still be available during the school day using email and/or Google Classroom to communicate with you and your child should any queries arise about the work provided. Please note that only parents should email teachers, however parents and students may use the Google Classroom program to communicate with teachers if required. You will receive a link to the platform by Monday morning. When your child is working from home, it is important to set routines including wake up time, work time, breaks and bedtimes. This will assist your child to maintain their learning and you to maintain your sanity.

Parents and carers who do not have the facilities at home to engage in the online platform will have hard copies made available for collection on request. Collection points will be established outside the office and we will need at least 48 hours notice to prepare these packs. Packs will be labelled with your family name and parents/carers are asked not to enter the school grounds beyond the collection point when collecting these.

The Premier has further announced that Term 1 for students will now conclude on Friday, 3 April. Staff will be involved in professional learning, developing further units of remote work at this time.

OSHClub, at this stage, will be open as normal for students who qualify to attend school as outlined above from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Vacation Care will be available at Carramar Primary School from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. OSHClub will send information to families if there are any changes.

Our main consideration in all of this is the wellbeing of our people. If you or your child require support, please email the office or call on 9303 7500 during office hours and we can organise our social worker or school nurse to be in touch with you. Please keep our community, the broader global community, our health staff and those who are unwell or vulnerable in your prayers. Please treat each other with kindness, care, consideration and compassion because when this is all over the feeling of support that people felt will last. We will continue to keep you informed and please see past updates on our school website.

Take care, stay safe and God bless

Mark Marando  
Principal