

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, WANNEROO

Coronavirus COVID-19 Update as at March 31, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well and that you are beginning to settle into the online learning environment. Work has been set for your child for this week and next utilising the website that you can access on the link that was provided early Monday morning.

It is important to establish routines at home and set up consistent wake times, break times such as morning tea and lunch, work sessions, exercise time and a regular bedtime. At this time, everyone is trying to adjust to the many new situations that have been created as a result of the latest government requirements in regard to trying to manage the spread of the Coronavirus. What is really important is that we try and stay calm and maintain positive family relationships. Your child may become unsettled with the new arrangements and with everything that we try and manage as parents, it is sometimes easy to lose patience and react in ways that make the situation more difficult. If your child is having difficulties with any of the work set, please utilise the communication methods mentioned previously to make contact with your child's teacher so that your child can be supported in their learning.

With the uncertainty of what next term may bring, teachers are attempting to get students' workbooks home where appropriate. Please be aware of the communication coming from staff regarding the appropriate time for safer collection of your child's resources.

The essential information from the Prime Minister's briefing on Sunday is below. Please ensure that whilst your child is at home, that your family is following the applicable guidelines.

- Public gatherings, excluding household members, have been reduced to a maximum of two people
- Australians are asked to stay home unless they are shopping for essentials, receiving medical care, exercising or travelling to work or education
- People aged over 70, aged over 60 with pre-existing conditions, or Indigenous people aged over 50 should stay home wherever possible for their own protection

- Evictions will be put on hold for 6 months by the states and territories. Landlords and renters are encouraged to talk about short term agreements
- If you are in self-isolation because you are confirmed or suspected to have Coronavirus, or have been in close contact with a confirmed case, you are asked to help track the spread of the virus by using the form available at the following link: <https://covid-form.service.gov.au>
- A safety net package of \$1.1bn has been announced by the Prime Minister to expand mental health and telehealth services, increase domestic violence services and provide more emergency food relief
- Stay informed by downloading the official government 'Coronavirus Australia' app in the Apple Store or Google Play or join the Government's WhatsApp channel.
- All travellers returning home from overseas will be quarantined in a hotel or designated facility for 14 days
- Pubs, licensed clubs and hotels (excluding accommodation), gyms, skateparks, indoor sporting venues, cinemas, beauty salons, play centres and outside playgrounds, places of worship and other public places will be closed. There are restrictions on attendance at weddings, funerals and outdoor fitness classes and pharmacies remain open

Please continue to pray for our community and beyond, those who are ill and those who are in the front-line helping others.

Best wishes, stay safe and God bless

Mark Marando

Principal