



CHESTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I am writing to you to provide you with an update on the School's response with regards to COVID-19 coronavirus. There have been several developments over the weekend as the situation around COVID-19 continues to evolve rapidly.

The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of COVID-19 in all of our schools.

Chester Hill High School, in line with all Department of Education Schools, has adopted social distancing measures including cancelling the following events:

- Assemblies.
- Year Meetings.
- Grade Sport.
- Excursions -refunds will be coordinated via the front office.
- Year 7 Meet the Teacher Night.
- The leadership assembly.
- The Athletics Carnival.

In addition to this, we are reminding students of effective hygiene practices and sneezing/coughing etiquette. In today's wellbeing lesson all students received information via the attached PowerPoint. All soap dispensers are checked and filled on a daily basis.

These proactive measures will continue as advised by the Department of Education. Any changes to school organisation will be communicated to you promptly via email. It is thus essential that you check your emails regularly.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/caregivers of the current advice from the Australian Government regarding travel:

- All travellers to Australia will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.
- A ban on cruise liners from foreign ports arriving at Australian ports for 30 days.
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Students and staff who have returned to Australia and have shown no symptoms during the 14-day home-isolation period are able to return to school or work.

Consistent with current guidelines, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any student becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and we will contact you immediately for your child to be collected for further medical assessment.

If your child has a health condition that compromises their immune system please seek advice from your medical practitioner in regards to your child continuing to attend school. Please contact me if you need to discuss this further.

The Department of Education continues to work closely with NSW Health to monitor and respond to developments and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.
I thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Maria O'Harae
Principal