



ILLAWARRA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we seek to care for our school community during these unusual times. The Australian and NSW governments continue to provide advice that schools should remain open. Illawarra Christian School continues to operate, but with a range of social distancing measures and adjustments to daily routines in order to keep our community safe.

SICKNESS AND LEAVE

We do encourage students to be at school unless sick or self-isolating according to the NSW Health guidelines. At school we continue work through the curriculum and have planned valuable learning activities in all classes. If your child is unwell please do not send them to school until they are well or we will contact you to collect them as a matter of urgency.

PARENT PICK-UP

I am so encouraged by the support of parents in helping us with pick up and drop off of children at school.

In the afternoon, we are asking all parents picking their children up from school to do so from the walkers' line on Derribong Drive. Your children will join the walkers' line and be brought down under supervision. They may be collected from the teacher on walkers' duty south of the school driveway and school electronic sign.

In the morning, please drop children off on Derribong Drive and send them up the northern driveway near the school office.

If you need to enter the school premises YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE before proceeding onto the school property.

Please do not park in Tyalla Place – it is a No Stopping zone during school times.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching and support staff continue to prepare for the potential need for online learning should we be instructed to close during term time. I am very encouraged by the willingness of staff to learn new skills and make adjustments to ensure our children have the best access to educational opportunities. We had carried out some tests with different classes so we know everything is working.

Staff are preparing and sourcing resources that may be helpful for families should there be an extended shutdown period.

POTENTIAL SCHOOL SHUTDOWN

If Illawarra Christian School needs to shutdown for a period, all communication will come from the Principal and be communicated via SEQTA. Copies of school communication in relation to COVID-19 can be found on the school website.

Please be assured that should a shutdown be required, we do have a plan for the delivery of curriculum and are developing resources for parents to help them access SEQTA and navigate learning from home. These will be communicated with you if and when they are required.

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE, OUR MISSION IS TO PARTNER WITH PARENTS
IN PROVIDING QUALITY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOUNDED ON THE WORD OF GOD

CANCELLED AND POSTPONED EVENTS

A number of additional events and activities have been cancelled or postponed:

- Year 10 work experience will not take place in June but instead will happen in November.
- Our Bike for Bibles ride from Canberra to Wollongong has been cancelled. We will reassess this activity later in 2020 with the hope of running it at a date still to be determined.

2020 is shaping up to be a very different year from what we had planned, but we trust in a sovereign God and know he has all things in his control.

Please pray for the health and safety of our school community and that in the midst of uncertainty our faith in Christ would be strengthened, that people may come know Jesus personally and that God would glorified.

In Christ,



Simon Lainson
Principal