

19 March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide you with the latest update provided by Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) as of **Wednesday 18 March**. These relate to the evolving situation in response to COVID-19.

I want to express my appreciation to the many parents who have followed and adhered the protocols as set by the Health Department of Western Australia, as well as Catholic Education Western Australia. I want to make it very clear, that [all parents/families at Infant Jesus School have acted in accordance with the stated protocols by the Health Department and CEWA at the given time.](#)

The information below is provided by the Executive Director of Catholic Education of Western Australia.

Attendance at school (new information as at 18 March 2020)

Should parents choose to keep their child at home without seeking medical advice, it is not a requirement that schools provide curriculum work and activities. We understand that there may be extenuating circumstances where consideration will be given to provide support and resources where possible. However, the priority for staff is to maintain focus on classroom learning programs at school. If there are extenuating circumstances for particular children and families, interviews should be arranged to discuss the situation with the Principal or one of the Assistant Principals at the school.

At Infant Jesus School, we are in the process of developing a program of learning that will enable students to continue to learn at home if the need arises (e.g. health condition, extenuating circumstances). Additionally, the work that is provided needs to be consistent with the Learning Intentions and Learning Outcomes for each year level at this particular time of the year. Students in Year 3- Year 6 will be able to access this information via OneNote and Teams etc. Our junior primary grades will endeavour to provide parents with various 'work packs' that parents will be able to collect or access online.

In the event of a temporary school closure, schools will enact their curriculum continuity plan.

International travel (new information as at 18 March 2020)

The Smart Traveller advice level for all Australians travelling overseas has been upgraded to a level 4 - 'do not travel overseas at this time'. This is the highest level of advice.

Large gatherings (new information as at 18 March 2020)

The Australian Government announced that all organised, non-essential gatherings attended by more than 100 people for indoor events and more than 500 people for outdoor events must be cancelled from Wednesday 18 March 2020.

As communicated previously, we will be cancelling the following events/activities at Infant Jesus School in the interest of all in our community:

- School Assemblies
- Faction Swimming Carnival
- Swimming Training
- P&F Colour Run
- School and Parish Masses
- School Excursions
- i-Perform and i-Hour presentations
- Year 6 Camp (we may look to try and reschedule, but cannot make any promises)
- Some planned Holy Week liturgies and activities
- Fundraising Activities e.g. Cake Stalls etc.

How You Can Assist the School

- Stay Calm
- Keep abreast of the current requirements stated by the Health Department of WA and CEWA which we will continue to provide
- If you have any concerns, please contact the school or speak to a member of the Leadership Team
- Continue to talk to your children about safety procedures and good hygiene practices.
- Talk to your child about 'social distancing'
- Monitor your own child's health. There are some members of the community (students, parents and staff) that have various health conditions (e.g. low immunity deficiency) that make them more susceptible than others.
- If your child is unwell, keep them at home.
- Use the drive through in the morning and afternoon to reduce the number of parents in the school
- **Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Parents to implement "Kiss and Drop" their child at the door from Monday.**
- Continue to check the **Connected App** and **Seesaw** for updates

I want to reiterate what I have stated all along. We, including all staff, are taking this situation very seriously and are doing everything possible to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, staff and parents in our community.

Thank you for your continued support during this very difficult and challenging time.

Regards



Paul Hille
Principal
Infant Jesus School



We promote **Truth** and **Justice** in the spirit of **Infant Jesus**. We value the **individuality** of each person.
We show **respect** and **kindness** to all. We **work hard** to be the best we can.
We cooperate and engage in **open communication** with one another.