

# ***Dwellingup Primary School***

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## **COVID-19 SCHOOL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Dear Parents and Carers

The school has made the following decisions based on information updates provided by the Department of Education. Additionally, the Health Department website is a valuable source of current information which I am making available to you. <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/coronavirus-covid-19>

1. It should be noted that the school always considers student health and well-being a priority. We make every effort to prevent the spread of any germs and appreciate that parents contact us when there are 'bugs' around. Please be assured that we are being as thorough as possible with our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, we aim to maintain as normal a school environment as is possible. We have noted that some students are worried about the virus and we aim to manage that.
2. Increased supplies of liquid soap/hand sanitisers etc will continue to be provided and hand washing promoted and monitored.
3. All visitors to the school will be requested to hand sanitize at the front desk.
4. Please encourage your child to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and refrain from touching their mouth and nose. Coughing or sneezing into the elbow is encouraged or use of a tissue disposed immediately after use.
5. We have suspended the 'Crunch & Sip' program and fruit platter sharing in the K/PP. Please ensure that your child has fruit and / or vegetables.
6. The 'Sculpture by the Sea' excursion has been cancelled and no other excursions will be planned until further notice. This includes participation in the ANZAC commemoration.
7. Assemblies will continue. Please ensure that any visitors that you may bring to the assembly have not been in contact with the COVID-19 virus.
8. If you or your child demonstrate any symptoms of being unwell please stay home and let the school know.
9. If any student or staff has arrived back into Australia after spending time overseas a 14-day self-isolation period applies.
10. We receive regular COVID -19 updates from the Department of Education / Health Department. We will inform you immediately of any developments.

11. In the advent of school closure (unlikely at this stage); we are preparing work packages. If your Internet speed is very slow or if you do not have Internet, please inform me so we can prepare a hard copy work package for your child.

To successfully manage this crisis everybody must be on the same page with communication the key. If you are unsure consult the website above or ring the school.



Colleen Sing

Principal

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