



Pittwater House

From the Principal and the Deputy Principal

16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our School's measures responding to COVID-19 are well in place and continue to evolve as more government advice is provided and as our planning progresses. Communication from the NSW Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant to schools last night stated:

“for pre-emptive school closures to be effective, prolonged closure is required and it would be unclear when they could be re-opened. If there were still a large pool of susceptible students when schools are re-opened, there would likely be re-emergence of transmission in the community. School closures may still be considered late in the outbreak in anticipation of a peak in infection rates, for a shorter period of time... A decision to close campus operations now on the current level of community transmission may therefore see schools closed for many months.”

Therefore, I want to continue to reassure all parents and our community that we are being proactive in planning for all eventualities, this includes planning for a full or partial school closure.

As always, the health and safety of our community is our primary concern. Some of our plans to improve health and safety have already been communicated, however, in summary:

1. Significant increase in hand sanitiser locations around campus.
2. The implementation of education, posters, class conversations and communications, over the importance of hand washing, social distancing, covering mouth when coughing or sneezing, and staying at home when unwell.
3. All large assemblies, excursions and inter-school activities have been cancelled.
4. Plans have been put in place to minimise numbers of students congregating, e.g. outside canteen.

We have plans ready to implement in the event if an enforced school closure. A further communication will follow outlining this in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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