



CHRIST CHURCH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SINCE 1898

August 3, 2020

Dear Families

The School was advised this afternoon that a member of our cleaning staff has been diagnosed with the coronavirus. We have also been advised that the cleaner was on site after school hours and all surfaces were cleaned following his shift as per our touch point cleaning protocols.

Given the cleaner operated out of hours there has been no close contact. Close contact is defined as someone who has been face to face for at least 15 minutes or been in the same closed space for at least two hours with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when that person was infectious. Similarly, no member of our community has come in close contact with the cleaner. Casual contact is defined as someone who has been face to face for less than fifteen minutes or has been in the same closed space for less than two hours with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when that person was infectious.

Whilst the risk to our community is small, the health and safety of everyone in our community is our priority and hence I advise of our decision to close the School for 24 hours to undertake a deep clean and while we map any potential exposure to community members.

We are working closely with the Health and Education Departments to ensure best practice in managing our response and to maximise protection of our community from the virus. The School including the ELC will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday August 4, as we thoroughly clean the school. I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause to our families and are mindful of the stress this may place.

For Tuesday, August 4 only, teachers from P-6 will teach as per our published timetable until 11:00am ensuring that literacy and numeracy lessons are maintained. Integrated study lessons will be delivered through Canvas. Staff will conduct a roll call at 1:30pm to touch base and offer support to students as required. Staff will utilise the remainder of the non-contact time, to ensure we have resources ready for the remainder of the term. Normal online lessons will resume on Wednesday August 5.

Information regarding ongoing support for ELC families and children will follow in a separate communication tomorrow. The ELC will be open again for all students wishing to attend on Wednesday but will be closed thereafter until official government notification is received. We will also notify children of 'permitted workers' who need to access onsite care for both the ELC and school of the new criteria as soon as we are able.

Understandably, this is a challenging situation for families as well as staff and we are working to manage the broad implications of the virus exposure, the temporary school shutdown and a return to remote learning.

Importantly, if you develop cold and flu symptoms, please call your doctor or the COVID hotline to determine best course of action.

As shared above, while the School is closed due to Stage 4 lockdown measures, staff will continue to support students via online remote learning. Teachers will keep connected through our online learning management system, Canvas to ensure students have the support they require to feel both connected and engaged in their ongoing learning.

I reiterate that we have taken this step to close the school for 24 hours as a precaution in a time when prudence is necessary. I thank you for your ongoing support and patience whilst we continue to work our way through this pandemic.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ND Andary". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Neil Andary
Principal