



Annesley Junior School

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Dear Annesley Community,

Grateful for 'Team Annesley'

The whole Annesley staff team are working tirelessly to maintain a sense of normality, fun and positivity for Annesley's students. I, along with the Annesley School Council, honour and thank every member of 'Team Annesley.' I also thank you for honouring Annesley's dedicated professionals in practical ways. This can be as simple as sending an encouraging email and saying thank you with a smile. Our team are committed to our students. I respect and admire them immensely!

Plan for 'Moments of Joy'

In the era of the 24 hour news cycle and constant flow of Coronavirus news on social media, I encourage you to create time for yourself and with your child to have 'Moments of Joy.' This could include finding a quiet place under a tree and reflecting with gratitude or reading a favourite picture book with your child. I also strongly encourage you to enjoy the three videos being shared in our 'newsletter' this week. The 'moments of joy' captured in the lives of our Annesley students while at School are simply beautiful and remind us that during this time of challenge, our children are as inquisitive as ever.

Minimising Risk

We have further enhanced measures to minimise risk on our site, including;

- Heavily increased cleaning daily
- Very regular handwashing
- Implementing social distancing measures for greetings
- Limiting visitors to our site and heavily increasing their sign in processes

We have cancelled or postponed all School excursions and incursions, Chapel, Assembly and some of our co-curricular program. We have postponed our full schedule of School tours, moving these to later in the year.

Parents and Caregivers on the Annesley Site

We are focused on minimising risk for our students, staff and broader community.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions **please do not enter our site** and inform me via email binnionb@annesley.sa.edu.au.

- **Have you been overseas in the last 14 days?**
- **Have you been in known contact with any person who has been overseas in the last 14 days?**
- **Have you been in known contact with a person who has confirmed Coronavirus COVID-19?**
- **Do you currently have symptoms consistent with Coronavirus COVID-19? (fever, flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath)**

When dropping off and collecting your child we request parents and caregivers;
ELC – Reception

- practice as normal

Years 1 - 7:

- utilise the Kiss and Drop zone
- only come onsite in the event that you have an appointment or essential need
- when onsite please ensure you maintain social distancing and practice good hand hygiene

If Your Child is Sick

Please refrain from sending your child to School if they are unwell. This is to minimise the risk to them and our community.





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Distance Learning

We are open and providing our learning and teaching program. Our Prime Minister and Premier have made it very clear that this is an expectation. We will remain open unless the Government advises we are required to close. Please note that at this stage, we have **no advice** to expect an imminent School closure and we remain open, delivering our learning and teaching program face to face. It is unrealistic that we supply a full face to face and full Distance Learning Program at the same time. Where possible, teachers can supply some of the learning program online. In the event of a forced School closure, we will communicate with you in a timely manner and move to Distance Learning. We will use our current platforms to remain connected, share learning and communicate. Seesaw will be the primary platform for Distance Learning. School Stream will continue to be the source of whole School communication. In the event of a forced long term closure, we have additional resources that will be implemented to support and enhance connection between home and school. Our team are well prepared for the transition if it is required.

Some Independent Schools are currently closing for a 24-48 hour period to trial their online systems and allow staff to prepare for the transition in the event of a School closure. We understand, respect and support their reasoning for this. At Annesley, we have confidence in the systems we have in place. At this stage, if a forced School closure occurs, we will spend the first 24-48 hours of the closure period allowing our staff time to put final preparation in place for Distance Learning. We are conscious that if we close now for a 24-48 hour period that this would cause a range of issues for our working parents and we want to minimise the stress on our families in what is already a challenging time. **Please note** that this is subject to change as we are striving to make the best decisions for our whole community in what is a time of uncertainty and daily change.

Parent Connection in a time of Possible Disconnection

During this time of challenge, we are thinking creatively about how our parents can remain connected and how we can support the South Australian 'Arts Community.' More communication will be circulated in the coming weeks about some possibilities we are considering in this space. If you have ideas please share them with me via email binnionb@annesley.sa.edu.au.

Hand Sanitiser

We are unable to source hand sanitiser. Believe us, we have explored all options! We have been notified that hand sanitiser has been prioritised for hospitals and health care providers which we understand and support. Our cleaners have confirmed that at this stage we have a secure supply of appropriate hand soap and hand towels.

Thank you for being conscious that while we are all working very hard to minimise risk and plan for possible forced School closures, we are also still running a School so that our students can continue to connect, learn, have fun and be supported.

Kind regards,



LUKE RITCHIE
Principal

