



# Wheeler Heights Public School

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## UPDATE #1 – 16 March 2020

Dear Wheeler Heights Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience at this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The reports of potential school closures in the media over the weekend may have increased your concern about whether the school is operational and safe for your children to attend. WHPS is open for education as usual and children (unless unwell or self-isolating from returning overseas) should be attending school.

As per the mandated directives released last night from our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, any families returning from overseas are required to self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school.

Additionally, **any students who present with any flu like symptoms or who are feeling unwell are asked to remain at home** and their parents should seek the advice of a medical practitioner. Please advise the school of the GP's recommendations.

Principals are continually receiving updates from the Department of Education and NSW Government and Health regarding the management of our schools. We will keep you up to date with any information and email further advice regarding postponed school activities as it comes to us.

As of today, Monday 16 March 2020, there will be a few specific variations at WHPS that you will need to be aware of for this week.

1. The P&C Meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled.
2. The Taronga Zoo excursion for Years 1 and 2 has been postponed (date TBA).
3. The Interrelate Evening planned for Wednesday night has been postponed (date TBA).
4. PSSA has been cancelled until further notice.
5. Scripture has been cancelled until further notice.
6. All assemblies have been cancelled until further notice.
7. Reading group parent helpers have been cancelled until further notice.
8. After school classes (Mandarin - Monday, Chess - Tuesday, Spanish - Wednesday, French - Thursday, Keyboard - Thursday) have been cancelled for this week.

**Please ensure that you have a subscription to our FlexiSchools app** so we can forward on any notifications and official communications as well as emailing families.

### Steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of infection



1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell**

All classrooms have hand sanitisers and soap. All bathroom soap dispensers are being checked regularly. Classroom teachers will be conducting hygiene lessons.

As always the safety and welfare of our students and school community is our prime concern. We will provide further updates as necessary or if changes occur. Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have concerns or require advice, please feel free to contact either myself or Priscilla Wright during school hours.

Kind regards,  
David Scotter  
Principal