



# BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The health and safety of our whole school community is of the utmost importance. As you would be aware we have been sending regular updates regarding the COVID-19 virus and how we are following Departmental guidelines.

From today we are putting in place several extra initiatives focused on minimising non-essential activities. These include the following:

- Three-way Conferences postponed
- Assemblies postponed until further notice
- Incursions and excursions postponed
- New parent school tours postponed
- All after school sports including practices cancelled until further notice
- Breakfast Club cancelled until further notice
- Kids Hope mentor sessions postponed
- Private providers to make alternate arrangements off-site or postpone activities
- OSHC running Vacation care on site only. No excursions or incursions (Information about OSHC is attached)
- Playgroup cancelled until further notice
- Debating postponed

We are also putting in place measures to ensure the well-being of all students in our care. Last night staff met to discuss how to support students at this difficult time. We are very aware that there may be an impact on students who could be anxious and have questions about the current situation. Each morning staff will be considering mindfulness activities and be available for conversations with students who may need support. Our library has been designated as a space for students to go, at lunchtime, if they are anxious and want to have any questions answered.

We have already put in place measures to encourage children to wash their hands more regularly; there is soap in all of the toilets that is checked daily and we have ordered hand sanitiser for all classrooms. We are just waiting on the order to be filled. Please feel free to send hand sanitiser to school for your child to use if you wish to.

Staff will be discussing social distancing strategies with students and reiterating the need to avoid unnecessary close contact with other students.



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As is usual practice, but even more important at this stage, staff and students who are unwell must remain at home until symptoms resolve. As a community we need to all do our part and support each other to ensure we minimise every risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

We are making every effort possible to ensure that all children have continuity in their learning and the measures outlined above are about supporting the effort to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Teachers are also looking at the best ways to prepare in case of site closures. All advice and guidelines from the Department and SA Health will continue to be followed and information will regularly be passed on to the school community. Please be vigilant in checking and reading school emails daily.

If you are seeking further information you are encouraged to call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080, or visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-schools-and-early-childhood-centres>

We have also been advised by the Commonwealth Bank that School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

We understand that the months ahead will be challenging for many of us but please be assured that we are working together to do the best that we possibly can for all of our school community.

Regards,

Kris Robson  
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