

Dear Parents/carers,

Further from the email I sent on Monday 16 March, 2020 I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and the words of appreciation that we have received. Happily, I can confirm that no staff or student has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

If your child is ill or has a cough, sore throat or runny nose, please keep them home until they are well.

Many parents have expressed different views to those currently being expressed by the Departments of Education (DoE) and the NSW Ministry of Health regarding attendance at school. At this time, I ask for your understanding that the school will follow the advice and direction of the Department of Education. Moorebank High School remains fully operational.

My staff and I are working hard to ensure the best possible outcome for all of our students. If you are keeping your child at home either because there may have been contact with someone who is being tested or to self-isolate, please contact the school on 96013999 and let a member of our office staff know, alternatively ask to speak to your child's deputy principal.

If your child has an underlining medical condition which may place them at risk, then the school will require documentation from a medical practitioner explaining the reason for the absence / non-attendance at school with a timeframe.

Please be mindful that teachers will not be able to conduct their scheduled lessons and also act as Distance Education providers for parents who are withdrawing their students who are neither sick nor displaying any symptoms. So, at this time, teachers will not be sending work home for individual students and they will be marked as an unexplained absence as per DoE guidelines.

All teachers are currently revising or creating digital platforms. More information on this will come shortly.

Some parents have contacted us about aspects of social distancing, for example on the way to and from school or in the playground. There is no doubt that social distancing is very difficult to enact in school settings and with young people. Young people stand close, share equipment and phones and interact with a level of physicality. You may wish to encourage your child to come straight to school and not "hang out" in the shopping centre and come straight home after school.

We are continuing to encourage good hygiene practices. The toilets are now open throughout the day to allow students to wash their hands. The school also has hand sanitisers throughout the school for your child's use. We also regularly make whole school announcements reminding students about practicing good hygiene.

Again, thank you for your understanding as we address this unprecedented situation.

Kind regards,

Vally Grego

Principal

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