

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, our Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Mark Scott, Secretary, Department of Education announced that as of Tuesday 24 March, 2020, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home from school.

The rationale is that; across the state attendance rates have fallen significantly over the last week and the expectation is that the trend will continue. The decision of an increasing number of families electing to keep their children at home would have made it exceptionally difficult for teachers to run regular classes while meeting needs of learners off campus.

Those parents who work in our health system, education system, emergency services and other essential workers need to be able to access suitable supervision of their child's learning on school sites. As such, Moorebank High School will remain open for children of parents working in the essential services.

"There will be online support provided but schools remain open based on health advice and for those parents that have no option, that are workers, schools remain open for their children to be supervised in that online learning environment but for teachers it means one unit of teaching. There won't be a separate class for kids at home or kids who are at school, but it will be one unit of teaching that makes it simple and practical and that is the strongest advice we can provide to parents today." Ms Berjiklian

There will not be traditional learning delivered at Moorebank High School as of Tuesday 24 March, 2020. All learning will be online. As such any students who attend Moorebank High School are asked to bring their own device.

More about what this will look like will be forthcoming.

Further, the canteen will have limited stock and is anticipated to be nonoperational before the end of this week.

Many parents are concerned about assessment. The school is currently looking at Years 7 – 10 assessment. NESA will be meeting tomorrow to discuss Year 11 and 12 assessments, major projects and the HSC examination itself. Once we receive this information, I will forward this on to you.

Below is a link for all parents and carers. This is a Department of Education link that provides advice to parents in supporting their child.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my staff and myself to thank you all for your understanding and patience. We are living in a constantly changing environment and we all need to work together to create the best possible teaching and learning environment for our children.

Again, I will keep you updated on information regarding work, access to the google classroom platform, assessment etc. as we manoeuvre through these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

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