## **Attention Parents and Carers**

## **School Operations**

As promised in my previous Facebook post, outlined below is the advice I have received this afternoon from the Department of Education regarding the organisation for our school over the next two weeks.

As stated in the 'Public Health Orders' a 'Stay at Home' direction has been issued within the Greater Sydney Area. To comply with this order and to minimise the movement of people in our community the Department of Education has this afternoon placed a set of guidelines around school operations.

"Parents must keep children - of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare - home if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out Of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it. Thank you for your support" Department of Education.

As of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, there will <u>only be a skeleton staff</u> at school. Children of essential workers are able to attend school if needed. If you are not an essential worker we ask you to keep your child or children at home and support them by using our Online Learning Frameworks.

Our school's website will be the 'go to' for information. Everything you may need can be accessed by clicking on our '**Learning from Home'** tab located on the website. We will continue to update these resources so that students will have other activities to do when and if they finish their allocated work.

Teachers will be contacting our parents and carers via various methods of communication over the next couple of weeks. This is to check in and see how our students are coping. If you need anything please do not hesitate to contact your child or children's class teacher. Parents are not permitted onsite. If you are having difficulty with learning from home, or finding the current situation stressful or unmanageable, we will still be available to help. Remember, no one expects perfection, or even close to it - do what you can and look after yourselves.

I cannot stress enough the importance of following this advice, and thank you in advance

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone one of you for your support this past week. It has been amazing. I know how frustrating this is for everyone but the aim is to keep everyone safe from contracting the COVID virus and unfortunately the only way to do this is to stay at home and not move around.

I will keep you informed if things change. Please stay home and stay safe. If we all work together we will come out of this lockdown faster.

Mrs Kathy Browne

Principal