



# ST EDWARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Re: Coronavirus COVID-19

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support and understanding during this unprecedented time. Please be reassured that St. Edward's is committed to the wellbeing and best interests of our students and will continue to do so. We are closely monitoring all information provided to us from Education and Health authorities.

The Australian Government has indicated that it is considered safe for schools to continue with normal classes, undertaking increased hygiene and social distancing interventions to slow the spread of the virus and reduce risk of infection to students, staff and the community. Our school will do everything possible to protect ourselves and the wider community and we ask your support in our endeavours to do so.

All Principals in the Armidale Diocese have been meeting very regularly via Zoom Conferencing and collectively are responding to the new guidelines that have been put in place.

We have instigated the following preventative measures as a result of the Australian Government, Department of Education and CSNSW releasing updated guidelines for NSW schools. This includes the need for all schools to practise social distancing and good hygiene to protect themselves and others in order to limit the spread of this virus.

Event or Service	Guideline
Staff who are unwell	To stay at home
Students who are unwell	To stay at home
Hand Hygiene (All classes have hand sanitiser)	All staff to ensure that students wash their hands before and after breaks and after using the bathroom.
School Assemblies	Cancelled until further notice.
Breakfast Club	Cancelled until further notice
Catholic Schools Celebrate	Cancelled for 2020
Compass Parent Portal Information Night	Cancelled (Parents will receive information on how to login to Compass via mail)
Darling Dental Year 1	Cancelled until further notice
Conservatorium of music lessons/choir	Cancelled until further notice
School excursions	Cancelled until further notice
School and Family Masses	Cancelled until further notice
Reconciliation (Year 2)	Postponed
Real Talk	Postponed (working on a date later in the year)
Fun and Fitness (Infants)	Cancelled until further notice
Gymnastics	Cancelled until further notice



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St Ed's Cross Country	Postponed
Winter Sporting Trials	Cancelled
District Sport	Cancelled until further notice
Parent teacher meetings	Face to face meetings are not available. If a parent would like to meet with the classroom teacher, this can be done over the phone.
Cultural Groups/Opportunity Hub Visitors	Cancelled until further notice
Art in a Suitcase (Year 5/ 6)	Cancelled until further notice
Centacare visits	Continuing as normal
<b>Canteen</b>	Continuing under the following guidelines: No parent volunteers required for canteen duty until further notice. Nikki and Clare will continue to operate the canteen, however, at the Infants campus only lunch orders will be available.
<b>Any parent volunteers</b>	Cancelled until further notice
Esteem Kids (Sherpa)	Continuing as normal
Ace Cleaning Services	ACE <b>additional cleaning</b> has been instructed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pay particular attention and focus on the toilets and ensure soap is readily available.</li> <li>• ensure that high traffic areas and surfaces that are commonly touched like door handles, railings, desk/bench/learning surface and chair/stools, telephones are cleaned daily.(starts 19.3.2020)</li> </ul>
<b>Home Learning</b>	St. Edward's School is working towards ensuring that learning will continue at home in the event of a school closure. We will keep parents informed as the need arises.
Anzac Day March	Cancelled
<b>School Bubblers</b>	Taps will be used to fill water bottles only. <b>All students will need to bring a water bottle to school.</b>

We appreciate the impact that this worrying situation is having on students and their families. Please support us by talking with your children at home about the importance of good hygiene and also by ensuring that they are **well prepared for school with a refillable water bottle.**

Thank you for all your support.

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