

# Keeping you in the loop...

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank you all for the many different ways in which you have supported our staff, students and community over the past few weeks.

Today, the Government has announced all public schools in Western Australia will remain open until the end of term – Thursday 9 April 2020. However, families are now encouraged **to keep your children at home if you have the capacity to do so**. The Department 'Learning at home' activities and resources are available for you at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

From Monday, 30 March to Friday 3 April all children who attend school will be taught as normal.

The following week (6 to 9 April) teachers and education assistants will prepare teaching programs for Term 2. The Government recognises there will still be families who need to send their children to school to continue their learning during this period. These may include:

- Children of parents and carers who need their children to attend school to maintain employment.
- Children who live in families with aged relatives.
- Children where it is safer for them to be at school.

These children will be supervised whilst completing the Department 'Learning at home' activities and resources.

Our teachers have been working really hard to put together a work pack for each year level with activities that will reinforce concepts already taught to supplement the 'Learning at home' resources and the activity grids we have already placed in CONNECT. We have uploaded the work pack that your child can complete into their Connect Library.

If you do not have access to a printer and would like a hard copy of the work pack, please email Melissa in our office at [Melissa.devries@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Melissa.devries@education.wa.edu.au) with your child's name, year level and class and we will print it for you. Packs will be available for collection the next school day from a table outside the school office. Please take the pack with your child's name. These packs will not be marked or assessed by the teachers.

If we have your child's medication at school and you require it whilst your child is at home please email Chelsea at [Chelsea.regan2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Chelsea.regan2@education.wa.edu.au) and she will organise a suitable time for you to come and pick it up.

We understand that you may be feeling anxious about your child missing out on their learning if they are not at school. We want to reassure you that when students are back in the classroom, we will assess the students and ensure we pick up from where they are and continue their learning.

At this moment in time your children need to feel safe and loved. We are not asking you to schedule their day minute by minute to complete these activities. If you can read to your child as much as possible, cook with them, garden, play a board game, do some physical activity and complete 1 or 2 activities a day then you are doing well. Looking after your mental health and that of your family is crucial at this time.

Together we stay strong!

*Bec Burns*  
Principal