



17 July 2020

Dear Members of the Lindisfarne School Community,

COVID-19 Principal's Update 16

Welcome back to the second semester of the 2020 academic year.

We continue to work together to navigate the COVID-19 global health pandemic, the resultant economic fallout and the necessary adjustments and changes to our day to day lives.

I continue to be grateful for the ongoing support of our school community as we do all we can to ensure continuity of learning for our students. We remain cautiously optimistic about the term ahead and the gradual reintroduction of a wider range of activities.

However, unfolding events in Victoria and parts of Sydney are a timely reminder of the need for us all to remain disciplined in our efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Please make every effort to follow three simple, but powerful, steps:

1. Practise good personal hygiene.
2. Stay home if you are sick with cold or flu-like symptoms or respiratory illness and get tested for COVID-19 even if symptoms are mild.
3. Download the COVIDSafe app if you are comfortable to do so as this will be extremely helpful in quickly tracing close contacts in the event of a positive COVID-19 test.

Please also note that Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary Population and Public Health New South Wales has issued very specific instructions in relation to people who have returned from visits to Victoria as follows:

Given the current risk of COVID-19 in Victoria, and concerns about people returning from Victoria potentially introducing COVID-19 in New South Wales, my advice on minimising the risk in New South Wales schools is as follows:

- With the exception of the special arrangements that have been put in place for the students and staff who live in the Victoria/New South Wales border communities, students and staff that have been in Victoria in the 14 days prior to commencement of school should be excluded until 14 days have elapsed since they have left Victoria.
- Please note that depending on the date of their arrival in New South Wales, they will also be subject to public health orders that pertained to parts of Melbourne initially and, if they

arrived in New South Wales from any part of Victoria from 8 July they must self-isolate for 14 days from their arrival in New South Wales.

- I request students who attend a boarding school or university college in New South Wales undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on or after day 10 of isolation and obtain a negative COVID-19 swab result before being permitted to leave isolation after 14 days to enter the boarding school or college.
- If they return to Victoria for any reason, including weekend visits, they must commence the 14-day self-isolation period again on return to New South Wales.

In addition, the following advice is provided to assist Principals alert staff and students of the New South Wales venues where a person/s with a confirmed case had visited during the school holidays.

Staff or students who visited these venues on the identified dates should not attend school until they have completed their isolation period.

- Please see the Health website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>) which identifies the venues where there has been a confirmed case and the dates of potential contagion.
- Staff and/or students/families should follow Health advice to self-isolate and be tested if they visited any of the venues on specified days (see website).
- If staff and/or students/families have visited a venue listed on the Health website they should inform the person undertaking the test re the venue and date of their visit as this will help manage the outbreak.
- Adhere to Health advice regarding self-isolation and provide family members with the relevant information re isolation if advised by Health.

Latest COVID-19 case locations in New South Wales

Crossroads Hotel and Planet Fitness in Casula, and Picton Hotel in Picton

If you attended the Crossroads Hotel or Planet Fitness in Casula, or the Picton Hotel in Picton on the dates below:

- immediately [self-isolate](#) until 14 days after you were last there
- [get tested](#) even if you have no symptoms;
- watch for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and get retested should any symptoms recur;
- even if you get a negative test, you must [stay in isolation for 14 days](#) (this is because it can take 14 days before you may show symptoms or test positive).

| Location | Dates |
|--------------------------|---|
| Casula: Crossroads Hotel | Friday 3 July to Friday 10 July |
| Casula: Planet Fitness | Saturday 4 July to Friday 10 July |
| Picton: Picton Hotel | Saturday 4 July, Sunday 5 July, Thursday 9 July, Friday 10 July |

Have you been to any of these locations?

If you attended any of the following locations on the dates below, watch for [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

If symptoms occur, [self-isolate](#) and [get tested](#) for COVID-19 immediately.

| Location | Dates |
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| Albion Park: C1 Speed Indoor Karting | 6pm – 7pm on Saturday 11 July |
| Belfield: Mancini's Original Woodfired Pizza | 8pm – 9:20pm on Friday 10 July |
| Belmore: Canterbury Leagues Club | 11pm on Saturday 4 July to 1am on Sunday 5 July |
| Bowral: Woolworths | 12pm – 9pm on Saturday 11 July and 12pm – 9pm on Sunday 12 July |
| Brighton Le Sands: Hurrricanes Grill | 6pm – 9pm on Saturday 11 July |
| Campbelltown: Bavarian Macarthur | 7:30pm – 9pm on Saturday 11 July |
| Campbelltown: Macarthur Tavern | 9:15pm on Saturday 11 July to 12:40am on Sunday 12 July |

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| Campbelltown: West Leagues Club | <p>8pm on Friday 10 July to 12am on Saturday 11 July and</p> <p>12am – 2:30am on Sunday 12 July</p> <p>Please self-isolate immediately and get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible, even if you do not have any symptoms. Please stay at home until you get your results. If your test is negative and you develop respiratory symptoms within 14 days, please get tested again.</p> |
| Casula: Kmart (Casula Mall) | 5pm on Friday 10 July to 12am on Saturday 11 July |
| Narellan Town Centre: Kmart, Target, Best & Less, H&M and food court | Monday 6 July |
| North Wollongong: Rashays | 7pm – 9pm on Saturday 11 July |
| Parramatta: Milky Lane | 2pm – 3pm on Saturday 11 July |
| Pymont: Star City Casino | 8pm – 10:30pm on Saturday 4 July |
| Revesby: Bankstown YMCA | 4pm – 8pm on Thursday 9 July and 8am – 12pm on Saturday 11 July |
| Tahmoor: Pharmacy for Less | 9am – 10:40am on Sunday 12 July |
| Villawood: Zone Bowling | 11am – 3pm on Saturday 27 June |

In relation to the Queensland/New South Wales border, I appreciate how frustrating the border delays are as we continue to navigate the pandemic. A reminder that all children, parents and staff crossing the Queensland/New South Wales border will need the new border pass, <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass>. At this stage new passes will need to be renewed every seven days. Anyone coming into Queensland, including residents will need to download this new

pass. To the best of my knowledge, New South Wales residents with this new pass will not face mandatory stop and checks.

In closing, I appreciate that this remains a difficult time for a number of families financially. If you require assistance at this time, please contact the Business Manager, Brett Dinsdale via bdinsdale@lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au or the Director of Community Engagement, Simon McKinley via smckinley@lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au.

If you require any further assistance or support at this time of constant change, please contact your respective Head of Subschool: Junior School - Mark Douglas; Middle School - Jeremy Godden; Senior School - Charlotte Lush; the School Psychologists - Cassandra Gist and Susi Meyers; or the School Chaplain - Rev Chad Rynehart.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Marquardt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stuart Marquardt
Principal