



18 March 2020

Dear members of the Lindisfarne school community,

COVID-19 Update 6 Letter to the Community

As Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School continues to respond to the unprecedented circumstances regarding COVID-19, the purpose of this letter is to provide clarity on the School's response and the additional steps that are being undertaken to keep our community safe and informed.

I am meeting daily with the Deputy Principal and Heads of School and we recognise that the unfolding situation continues to raise concerns for families. I will continue to provide constant updates at this time to reassure families we are doing everything we can in these difficult circumstances.

Currently, Lindisfarne will remain open for regular lessons to take place. This action is in alignment with the advice received from the Association of Independent Schools NSW (AISNSW) and the NSW Chief Health Officer, State and Federal Governments. Staff have been undergoing professional development to ensure we continue to provide effective learning opportunities for students should the School be required to close for a period of time. Teachers and students have been, and will be, trialling a number of technologies to ensure learning from home can be productive and rewarding.

As the School remains open, and with no known COVID-19 cases in our school community, a number of additional processes and practices have been initiated to ensure we minimise the risk of possible transmission. These include additional daily cleaning of all surfaces in high traffic areas and the allocation of hand sanitisers to each classroom and key locations around the School. All corporate events have been assessed to determine whether they should proceed. Students have been educated about transmission minimisation including hand washing, maintaining their personal space and social distancing measures.

Bus Transport

Lindisfarne and Surfside buses will continue to operate as scheduled. After each trip, hard surfaces on Lindisfarne buses are being wiped down using anti-bacterial cleaning fluid and the bus seats sprayed with anti-bacterial spray. Surfside have reassured the School that their school and urban fleets are segregated and they are also implementing additional cleaning practices within vehicles and at depots using virucidal cleaning products. Additionally, hand sanitiser will be available to students as they get on the bus, and/or at specific points around the School where students enter and exit the buses.

School Sport

School Sport will continue this week, with additional precautions taken to ensure transport, venues and equipment used are clean and safe.

Student Absences

Please use [Parent Lounge](#) to notify the School of student absences. This is the most effective way to advise the School if your child will not be in attendance that day.

Canteen - Online Orders Only

From Monday, 23 March until further notice, the Canteens at both campuses will be open for online orders only. Orders can be done online via <https://www.flexischools.com.au/> or you can download the flexischools app from your relevant app store. Students will not be able to place orders in the morning at the Canteen, nor make purchases during the school day. Online orders close at 9.00am each day.

Status of School Events

All events on the school calendar are under review. The status for each event is listed and can be accessed by viewing the calendar via [Student Cafe](#), [Parent Lounge](#) and the [website](#). Please review the calendar thoroughly. Updates will continue to be reflected on the school calendar.

Listed below is the status of major events. Separate correspondence relating to events that have moved online will be sent in the lead-up to each event. Once new dates for postponed events are known, these will also be clearly communicated.

- **National Day of Action** - Friday, 20 March POSTPONED
 - Students to wear normal uniform
- **BASE Leadership Breakfast** - Friday, 20 March POSTPONED
- **Junior School Parent Interviews** - ONLINE
 - Monday, 23 March
 - Wednesday, 25 March
 - Tuesday, 31 March
- **Natural Ability Testing Parent Information Session** - Thursday, 26 March CANCELLED
- **P&F Trivia Night** - Friday, 27 March POSTPONED
- **Emma Murray, ParentEd** - Wednesday, 1 April POSTPONED

- **Cross Country**
 - Junior School - Friday, 3 April POSTPONED
 - Mahers Lane - Thursday, 9 April POSTPONED

- **Easter Services**
 - Junior School - Monday, 6 April CANCELLED
 - Mahers Lane - Tuesday, 7 April CANCELLED
 - Easter Hat Parade - Wednesday, 8 April CANCELLED

- **Public Speaking** - Monday, 6 April CANCELLED

- **P&F Annual General Meeting** - Tuesday, 7 April TBC

- **ANZAC Services**
 - Mahers Lane - Wednesday, 8 April CANCELLED
 - Sunshine Avenue - Thursday, 9 April CANCELLED
 - Community Services - Saturday, 25 April CANCELLED by RSL

- **Sports Academy Induction** - Friday, 1 May POSTPONED

- **P&F Mother's Day Events**
 - Junior School Mother's Day Morning Tea - Wednesday, 6 May POSTPONED
 - Junior School Mother's Day Stall - Thursday, 7 May CANCELLED
 - Mahers Lane Mother's Day Stall - Friday, 8 May CANCELLED
 - Mother's Day High Tea - Friday, 8 May POSTPONED

- **Dare to Dream** - Wednesday, 20 May POSTPONED

- **Camps**
 - Year 7 to 11 Camps - Monday, 25 May POSTPONED
 - Year 12 Activity Week - Monday, 25 May POSTPONED

- **ALL NCIS and CIS Sport events** up to and including Friday, 15 May CANCELLED

- **FUSE Cup Competitions** - All dates CANCELLED

Out of School Hours Care

Out of School Hours Care and Vacation Care activities will still be available unless the School is closed to students.

I want to personally thank the Lindisfarne community for their support during this time and commend the way in which the students have continued to apply themselves diligently to their learning. I would also like to commend our staff who continue to go above and beyond in support of their students' learning.

The previous updates I have provided on this issue can be viewed on the ['Current News'](#) page of the School's website. Should you have any concerns related to your child, please address them to the relevant Head of School.

Kind regards,

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

Stuart Marquardt
Principal