



Monday, 23 March 2020

Dear members of the Lindisfarne community,

COVID-19 update 7 - Lindisfarne to move to remote learning from Wednesday, 25 March.

This morning you may have seen comments relating to school closures across New South Wales from Premier Gladys Berejiklian. In consultation with the Chair of School Council, the Senior Leadership Team and other Diocesan School Principals, I am moving Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School to remote learning, including online and home based activities as of Wednesday, 25 March 2020.

On **Tuesday, 24 March** there will be no classes offered to allow our teachers time to make final preparations ready to deliver remote learning on Wednesday. This will also allow parents and carers time to make adjustments where needed also.

As per [the Premier's remarks](#), if it is possible to keep your students at home then I would ask you to do so. The School will remain open for students whose parents are considered 'essential services' and for students whose parents have no other option due to work commitments, this includes tomorrow. These students will still undertake remote learning, this will just be based within the School rather than home. However, where you are in a position to do so please keep your children at home as per the Premier's advice.

Separate advice on how the remote learning will be undertaken across our Junior, Middle and Senior Schools will be provided shortly by the Heads of Sub-school in consultation with the Deputy Principal and Dean of Studies.

I know our students in our Senior School and in particular those undertaking their HSC will be quite anxious, their teachers will be providing information related to Assessments as it becomes available. I am confident that NESA will work flexibly and collaboratively with our Year 11 and Year 12 students in their learning.

I want to thank the staff of Lindisfarne for their efforts to date. Like all of us, they are adapting to this new reality and they have been working hard to be prepared to continue to deliver effective learning, albeit remotely.

We will be asking students to take home resources that they may need with them today. The School will be open for parents and students to come and pick up resources tomorrow from 8.00am, however I would ask that you give consideration to not all arriving at 8.00am. We will have staff on-site through to 6.00pm to ensure you can access appropriate areas and do pick-ups around your work schedules.

There will be further information related to the bus services operated by Lindisfarne sent directly to those families. For now, those services will run as normal for this week, including tomorrow whilst we ascertain how many students may require that service whilst remote learning is undertaken.

In addition, the canteens at both campuses and Before and After School Care will all continue to operate until Friday, when they will also be reviewed. A reminder that all canteen orders must be done via flexischools.

Please take some time to check in with your parent and class networks to ensure this message is received by all parents.

I would urge all in our school community to undertake the social distancing measures that have been widely outlined during COVID-19 messages and communications. I would ask that we self-isolate and restrict our movements to only the most essential of requirements. We must do our part as a community and a nation so that we are all doing our part to help to 'flatten the curve' to assist our healthcare system and to keep each other healthy and safe and play a significant role in containment measures.

I have recorded a message that I would ask you to watch and share with your children and members of the wider Lindisfarne community, it can viewed via the link below.


[Video message from Principal Stuart Marquardt.](#)

Many members of our Lindisfarne and wider community are already being impacted financially during this time and it will continue, I ask that you look out for each other and provide the love and support our community is known for. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I ask that you contact the School if you need any assistance during this time.

Please contact the Deputy Principal or your Head of Sub-school if you have further questions. Finally, I share this important reflection with you.

“We are entering challenging and unprecedented times and I reinforce the message of many in saying that we need to be consciously working to ensure that the challenge brings out the best of ourselves and our community. That we be mindful of the wellbeing of family, friends, neighbours and the broader community. That we are considerate, compassionate and generous to all we encounter and that we work respectfully and collaboratively as we face this challenge together.”

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Marquardt', with a stylized, sweeping underline.

Stuart Marquardt
Principal