



# West End State School

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## Dear WESS Community

Please see below for an update about WESS activities.

These decisions have been made after careful consideration and with all the information available. They have been made with our student and staff health and wellbeing at the centre.

The decisions below pertain to activities for this term and are in addition to yesterday's communication.

### **WESS Classroom Music program.**

*From our Music Coordinator:*

*Our program involves students using shared instruments throughout the day. This means up to 200 students are touching ukuleles, mallets, percussion instruments on a daily basis. It is not practical to wipe down each instrument between classes and allow to dry. Therefore, to minimise contact, we will be altering our program until the end of the term. We will provide other engaging music learning activities that will not involve multiple students touching and sharing instruments.*

### **Choirs**

*Choir is cancelled. We have a large number of students (90) and teachers in close proximity in a confined space.*

*Metro Choral Honours Program 23-25/03/2020 – **POSTPONED***

### **Instrumental Music**

*Ensembles and bands cancelled for rest of term, but lessons will continue.*

*\*Tara Neal is looking at the possibility of some of the bands rehearsing in Dirram Yani next week, where students can spread out. Parents will be notified via email if this goes ahead.*

### **Sport**

- ✓ Interschool sports has been cancelled by Mt Gravatt District Sports
- ✓ Intra-school sports has been cancelled
- ✓ Cross Country trials have been cancelled – we will submit a "paper team" if required

### **Swimming Lessons**

*At this stage swimming lessons will go ahead. We have spoken at length with our pool works provider and they have documentation in direct response to the coronavirus, which outlines the proactive steps they are taking with both chemicals and additional cleaning. Ms T and Mrs Geddes are also being proactive with the way students are changing and they are using strategies to stagger this so that there are fewer students at a time.*

*All of this considered, the PE teachers respect that some parents/carers will still not feel comfortable and there will be no consequence if parents/carers send a note excusing students from swimming class.*

### **Excursions and Incursions**

- Futsal Titles 17/03/2020 – **POSTPONED until the week of 25<sup>th</sup> May**
- Yr 1 Dinosaur Incursion 18/03/2020 – **POSTPONED**
- QSO Excursion 18/03/2020 – **CANCELLED**
- Yr 2 Raw Art Incursion 24-25/03/2020 – **POSTPONED**
- Yr 5 World Science Festival Excursion 26/03/2020 – **CANCELLED**
- Yr 2 World Science Festival Excursion 27/03/2020 – **CANCELLED**
- Yr 3 Dr Karl Excursion (World Science Festival) 27/03/2020 – **CANCELLED**
- Library Author Visit 30/03/2020 – **CANCELLED**

### **Year 4 Camp**

Year 4 camp will not go ahead. I have based my decision to cancel on my concerns for both staff and student health and welfare. I am also aware of the anxiety parents and carers would experience having their children away from them in the current circumstances.

I have spoken with the Year 4 team today and we have been in constant correspondence with both the camp and DOE staff, ensuring that we get the best outcome for families with regards to payments already made. This is why there has been a delay in releasing this decision. Thank you for your patience. Unfortunately, we are not able to postpone our camp as there are no spots available later in the year. Communications about crediting your payments will come out in a separate email in the next couple of days. As you can imagine this is a big job so thanks in advance for your patience.

Thank you so much for understanding! It was not an easy decision to make as I know the students, will be disappointed. The Year 4 teachers will let the students know today in a supportive environment. They will remind them that they still will have camp in Years 5 and 6.

### **ANZAC Assembly**

Cancelled – we will commemorate and acknowledge this through classroom activities.

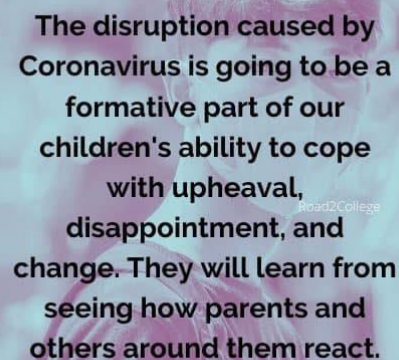
### **P&C Businesses and Activities**

The P&C will send out communication later today outlining the decisions made with regards to their business and activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and the many affirming emails.

Take care!!

Kim McNamara  
**Principal**



The disruption caused by  
Coronavirus is going to be a  
formative part of our  
children's ability to cope  
with upheaval,  
disappointment, and  
change. They will learn from  
seeing how parents and  
others around them react.

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