

**COVID-19 – Update for Parents
Advice up to and including 18 March 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers

I understand that this is a confusing time for many as we endeavour to ensure that we all stay healthy during this Coronavirus pandemic. I have distilled some important key messages into this communication to try and assist you.

You are requested to refer to official school communications as the only accurate source of any Lynwood Senior High School related Coronavirus information.

To keep information clear and consistent please discuss Coronavirus related information about your child only with the following staff members:

Year 7 & 8

Natalie Narducci	Manager Student Services
Andrew Symington	Deputy Principal

Year 9

Liam Mitchell	Manager Student Services
Andrew Symington	Deputy Principal

Year 10

Liam Mitchell	Manager Student Services
Natalie Simms	Deputy Principal

Year 11 & 12

Dan Bayliss	Manager Student Services
Natalie Simms	Deputy Principal

Who should not attend School?

- A) The Prime Minister has introduced measures placed on international arrivals into Australia. This means a mandatory 14-day self-isolation requirement will be placed on all international arrivals into Australia from 15 March 2020.
- B) Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the WA Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results.
- C) If a student or staff member has been informed by Public Health authorities they are a close contact of a **confirmed case of the novel coronavirus**, irrespective of whether they have developed symptoms, they cannot attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges and should isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

A medical certificate is not required to return to school for any of the above circumstances. Schools should record the student absence as a Reasonable absence (code R).

NOTE:

Students whose parents have chosen to keep them home, without seeking medical advice, will not be provided curriculum work and activities. The priority for staff is to maintain focus on classroom learning programs. In the event of a temporary school closure, further advice will be provided.

Who should attend School?

All other students.

Students should be kept home if they are unwell as per the usual school procedures.

Student assessment whilst away from School due to COVID-19

The Lynwood Senior High School Assessment Policies outline the procedures to be put in place should a student or groups of students be unable to attend school due to the impact of the Coronavirus as stated in points A, B and C above or in the event there is a school closure.

The School Curriculum & Standards Authority (SCSA) has advised that where possible, Year 11 & 12 students should be provided with the opportunity to engage with coursework and meet course completion requirements. SCSA is working to ensure that no child should be disadvantaged.

Lynwood Senior High School is working to have some online materials available to groups of students in the event of a school closure or for individual students who meet the above criteria for absence from school. The priority of the Department of Education is to provide resources for Year 11 & 12 students.

Please be patient with teachers through this time. Teachers are working hard right now to provide support online.

The updated assessment policy will be available on the Lynwood Senior High School website from Wednesday 18th March 2020: www.lynwood.wa.edu.au

School Activities: Some student activities will be modified (eg, Dance activities) to reduce student contact. Many school events, carnivals, performances and so on will be postponed or cancelled. Parents and students will be informed when this occurs. Apologies for any inconvenience but the good health of students and staff must be the priority.

School Closures: Principals **do not have the authority** to close their school. This can only be done on advice provided by the WA Health Department Chief Health Officer.

For More Information:

Further information is available at www.healthy.wa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus or the Healthdirect helpline on **1800 020 080** for more information on the virus and its symptoms.

As always, you are welcome to contact the school if you need to discuss your particular circumstances. Telephone 9354 0600.

With Best Wishes,

Geraldine Hardy
Principal
18 March 2020