



Dear Parents/Guardians

The Prime Minister announced on Sunday afternoon, following a meeting with all Premiers and Chief Ministers, that all those arriving from overseas from midnight on 15 March 2020 will be required to self-isolate for two weeks.

Updated information on travel restrictions and isolation requirements are available on the Australian Government's website here - <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

We remain committed to the health and safety of all members of the Lake Joondalup Baptist College community. The National Cabinet Meeting did not recommend school closures at this time.

Health Department advice is that organised, non-essential gatherings should be limited to 500 people and initiate increased hygiene and other social distancing measures.

The College Management have taken the view that this is appropriate and, in this light, in consultation with the many staff and organisations involved, have **cancelled** the following events effective immediately:

- All ACC and CAS co-curricular sporting clubs, events and carnivals including lightning carnivals, training and Futsal competitions for the remainder of Term 1
- All assemblies including Easter and ANZAC services
- Year 7-10 Have Sum Fun Maths Competition
- Year 9 The Rite Journey Ceremony
- Year 10 River Cruise
- Year 12 Zoo Excursion
- Year 7 & 8 Friday Live Program
- All Primary Parent Afternoon Teas
- The Battlefields and Future Problem Solvers international tours
- Mock Trial competition
- Da Vinci Decathlon competition
- Cadets camp
- Primary School Fitness Club
- PrimSwim Club
- All Primary Excursions, Clubs, Choirs, before and after school clubs including the Primary Library Club

The College Production of The Little Mermaid and Year 6 Sydney/Canberra tour have been postponed for the time-being, with the College exploring opportunities to reschedule these for later in the year.

Other activities, including smaller group excursions and Outdoor Education camps, will continue, subject to a specific risk assessment for each event. We will continue to update you over the coming weeks.

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Below are some of the things we are doing to ensure everyone who visits our Campus is safe, as well as playing our part to prevent the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19.

Our precautionary measures include:

- Increased cleaning and sanitisation across the College including additional disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.
- Preparing our teams to respond quickly to any emerging situation should it occur, to best ensure the health and safety of everyone involved.
- Asking any member of the College community who displays flu like symptoms to refrain from coming to the College.
- Asking any member of the College community who has been overseas to isolate for 14 days from the day they arrived in Australia. Guidelines for self-isolation can be found at <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolation-faqs>
- Asking any member of the College community who has had contact with somebody with COVID-19 to self-isolate. A contact includes spending more than 15 minutes face-to-face or sharing a closed space for more than two hours, including contact with the person 24 hours prior to them becoming ill.

How you can help:

- It is imperative that children do not attend school before 8.15am so they can be appropriately supervised. Students will not be permitted to remain on site after the final siren, unless attending Secondary subject clubs. Duty teachers will be visible before and after school to redirect students as needed. Parents, please ensure your child does not arrive too early and that they are picked up on time.
- If visiting the College, please use the hand sanitisers provided at all reception areas upon entry and leaving the College. If you prefer, feel free to wash hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Any patron using the Canteen is requested to use the hand sanitiser.
- Use non-cash forms of payment at the Canteen and College Reception.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Do not share water bottles, food, stationery or other items that require personal contact.
- We suggest that all community members practice social distancing, including not shaking hands until the risk subsides.
- Please have a conversation with your child about good hygiene practices.
- Avoid contact with anyone who has symptoms of fever, a cough, sore throat, fatigue or shortness of breath.
- Stay home if unwell.
- Reconsider any non-essential travel.

Should your child be experiencing anxiety related to the Coronavirus epidemic, we invite you to view the SchoolTV Guide for Parents which is available via the College webpage or contact the College's pastoral care teams for additional support.

We will continue to keep you updated if there are any significant changes or new developments, and we encourage all parents and guardians to remain personally informed themselves of the latest Government advice. We remain in a preparation phase and should we be required to close the College for any period, that the College is well placed to switch to an online mode through SEQTA. Students will be involved in trials of this throughout this week. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

If you have any queries or would like to know more about the steps the College is taking to protect all members of our community, you can contact dale.emery@ljbc.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Sonneman-Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Sonneman-Smith
Acting Principal

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