



Dear Parents,

You may be aware that the National Cabinet is meeting tonight to discuss further measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), including the likely closure of NSW schools from Tuesday. The information provided today is substantially different to the advice they provided to us at the end of last week. This afternoon our executive staff developed a plan based on the assumption that the government will close schools from Tuesday.

Monday

Our school will proceed according to our normal timetable. I appreciate and respect that you may choose to keep your child or children at home tomorrow given media reporting this evening. Year 12 students should consider coming to school tomorrow to touch base with their teachers prior to moving to learning from home online for an unknown period of time. However, the choice on whether to send your child to school tomorrow is ultimately a matter for you. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, particularly if they have any cold or flu like symptoms.

Year 3 – 6 students who come to school will be given a Chromebook to take home with them at the end of the day to enable them to start learning remotely from home. For students in Years 3 to 6 who do not come to school tomorrow, their parents will be welcome to come to school between 1 PM and 3 PM to collect the device. Unfortunately the devices will not be ready before 1 PM. Alternatively, the Year 3 to 6 Chromebooks can be collected by parents between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM on Tuesday. Junior School parents are welcome to drop into the school in the afternoon on Monday if their child has belongings that need to be collected.

From Tuesday

I anticipate that all students will be learning at home from Tuesday for an unknown period of time. Our teachers have already invested a substantial amount of time to provide excellent remote learning. Throughout this week our teachers will receive more quality professional development to further enhance their ability to teach your children well and care for them pastorally even though they won't be coming to the school site.



Thursday

Assuming schools do close from this coming Tuesday, on Thursday the Secondary School will commence synchronised learning where students will learn from home using online tools such as Google Classroom to follow the existing school timetable. A roll will be marked and students will be required to demonstrate some evidence of their learning in that lesson. Between now and Thursday students will be given guidance on how to participate in remote roll marking and how they can provide evidence of their learning during the lesson.

Junior School students - All information about learning is available now via their class link on the [Junior School Hub](#).

Ongoing information

Parents may have questions and concerns regarding the likely impending move to remote learning online. Our school wants to keep partnering with our parents to provide a high quality, caring Christian education even though the school site will be closed for a period of time. For parents who have a particular question or concern, I have provided some guidance below:

Junior School

A specific question related to learning in your child's class or an issue concerning your child's well-being – please send a brief email to your child's class teacher. If a personal conversation would be helpful, please provide a few suitable times when your child's class teacher can call you.

A broader, whole school question or concern – please respond to this [Google form](#).

Secondary School

A specific question related to learning in a particular subject – please send a brief email to your child's class teacher. If a personal conversation would be helpful, please provide a few suitable times when your child's class teacher can call you.

A specific question related to your child's well-being – please send a brief email to your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Year Coordinator. If a



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personal conversation would be helpful, please provide a few suitable times when someone can call you.

A broader, whole school question or concern – please respond to this [Google form](#).

Shire Christian School is thoroughly committed to excellent Christian education and strong pastoral care. The health and safety of our students and staff is our priority and we are well equipped to continue with lessons remotely.

The wellbeing of students is also important to us while they are not at school and we are working on initiatives we can take to support students during this time.

More information will be provided to parents via email as it becomes available. Updates can be found at shirechristian.nsw.edu.au/covid19.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Sincerely,

Mr Brett Hartley
Principal