



COVID 19 Information Update - Belridge SC

Monday 23rd March

Over the last few days the Federal Government has given directives that impact our operations at the College. The Department is working closely with the Department of Health, particularly Dr Andrew Robertson, the WA Chief Health Officer and we will continue to follow their expert advice. At the moment the following conditions apply at Belridge SC.

At this stage our school will remain open for well students. However, as a parent you are best placed to make the right decision for your child and your families' situation, in regards to school attendance. If you decide to keep your child at home, we fully respect your decision. Can you please inform the school ASAP if your child is going to be absent, all student absences linked to COVID -19 isolation will be marked as R – Reasonable cause.

The teaching staff at Belridge will do their best to place work on Connect were possible; however, staff will not be asked to put together individual work packages for students who are choosing to self-isolate at this time. Our teacher's current priority is maintaining the classroom learning environment, so please refrain from contacting them individually for work.

If at any point the school is directed to close, learning will then shift to online distance education and state-wide learning resources along with Connect, Clickview and Education Perfect will be in place.

Our school community is doing everything within our control to minimise risk and maintain a safe working environment for staff and students. We are repeatedly reminding our students of hand hygiene and social distancing through-out the day. **Can you please ensure your child has their own drinks bottle** and are not drinking directly from the water fountains.

As any new developments come to light, I will keep you informed through our communication channels of Email, Connect and the College Website. Can I also ask at this time that you check your Connect sign in and password in ensure your access is ready if the switch to online learning occurs. If you need support in setting up your Connect account, please contact the school.

NAPLAN 2020 is cancelled including all practice testing

Precautions

Hygiene

- Please keep your children home if they are **sick**.
- Promote good handwashing
- Cough and sneeze, Elbow please.
- Encourage children to keep their hands away from their faces.
- Our cleaners and other staff will be working hard to ensure that our facilities are correctly and regularly cleaned.



Social Distancing

- No physical contact with others
- Maintain a “Personal Bubble” of 1.5 metres wherever possible.
- Events that will attract a large number of people sitting together will be cancelled or postponed.
- Non-essential meetings and gatherings will be postponed, e.g. The Ball, Camps, excursions, sports fixtures and assemblies.

Well Being and Mental Health

- It is important that information about the current situation is provided to students in a developmentally appropriate and reassuring way.
- It is normal for children to feel anxious or sad in these situations and if social isolation is in place they will need support. Keep them connected with friends and family electronically.
- School Administration staff are available to talk to parents who have concerns.
- The Student Services team are available for students who have concerns.

Planning for School Closure

At this stage, it is not possible for students to have individual work packages organised if they are choosing to self-isolate. However, some teachers may already have their resources online.

If a school closure is announced we have the capacity, through Connect and Department of Education resources, to support a continued education via online learning. This may look different for different year groups.

Communication

We will send this important message through Connect, Email and the school Website

During this pandemic we are staying calm and supporting children and families in the best way that we can. I have a strong belief in the care and compassion throughout our wonderful community here at Belridge and I feel confident that we can get through these challenging times together.

Please read the regular updates posted by the Department of Health Chief Officer on the Department of Health Website or the Coronavirus Health Information Line **1800 020 080**.

https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

Yours sincerely

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