



COVID 19 Information Update - Belridge SC

Thursday 26 March

This morning Mark McGowan, Premier of Western Australia, and the Director General of Education Lisa Rogers, announced whilst all public schools will remain open until the end of term, families are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so.

I would like to share with you what this will mean for our school community:

Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April 2020

School is open and teaching and learning will continue as normal. Parents are, however, encouraged to keep their children at home and access the online learning resources available at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home> and Connect Website.

Monday 6th April to Thursday 8th April 2020

Children who cannot stay home will be supervised (but not taught) at school. Children attending school this week will be from those families where parents need to work to maintain employment, children living with grandparents, and where school is the safest place for children to be. During this time staff will be preparing teaching programs and online resources for student use during Term 2.

Every effort is being made to keep you informed about what Belridge SC is doing to support you and your family. Please be assured that when I receive further information I will provide details to you as soon as I can.

I would like to thank you for your support and cooperation during this unprecedented situation.

Kind Regards

Sharon Lyon

Principal



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.

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 https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus or the Coronavirus Health Information Line **1800 020 080**.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Lyon

Principal