



COVID 19 Belridge SC -Parent Update

Tuesday 28 April

Due to current situation we may need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe. I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. At the moment, you have a choice about whether your children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. The information below is provided to assist you with your decision making.

Key Messages from Chief Health Officer

"The advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), WA Department of Health and myself, as WA's Chief Health Officer, remains unchanged. We have considered the benefits of schools remaining open over the last 2 months and, in the context of our wider public health strategies, determined schools should stay open and that they are safe for staff and students"

Operating guidelines – Key Messages from DOE

- Schools are open for parents and carers that choose to send their children.
- Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend school.
- Students at school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable.
- For those students who learn from home, distance education packages and resources will be provided.
- Teachers will teach a face-to-face program and timetable for students at school.
- For those students learning from home, schools will provide distance learning either online or paper-based.
- All schools will have cleaning staff on site during the school day to regularly clean and disinfect high-contact surfaces that are frequently used by students and/or staff

School Operating guidelines – Belridge SC

Operational

- Normal class timetables to resume.
- 1.5m social distancing encouraged where possible but not essential in schools.
- No excursions, camps or assemblies to take place.
- Recess and lunch time as scheduled.
- Oval open during recess and lunch.
- Canteen – Open
- Library – Recess, lunch and before school – restricted (Senior School and vulnerable students)

Planned Server outage:

On Thursday and Friday this week our school is having its planned server upgrade. This will mean that all online platforms will be down until at least lunchtime on Friday.

The school is still fully operational and contactable by telephone. Student work for this week is already uploaded to Connect for those completing distance education and will not be affected.

Classroom teaching will take place as per normal timetable.



Teaching

- As per student timetable
- Drop box in front office for work packages to be returned for feedback.
- Distance learning from week 3 to be provided by DoE website [Learning from Home](#) or [Connected Learning Hub](#).

Assessment – Senior School

- No assessments to take place week 1 term 2.
- Assessment items for weeks 9, 10 and 1 removed and percentages reallocated as per SCSA guidelines for each course.
- New assessment schedule to be distributed to students and uploaded on Reporting to Parents
- Possible removal of official Semester 1 examination period for Senior School. Students to attend school during this time as per timetable.
- Workplace Learning cancelled other than those requiring essential placements as part of their studies.
- Year 12 Externally Set Task postponed – awaiting further direction.

Assessment – Middle School

- Middle school reporting – school position TBC week 2.
- Exemption and redistribution of percentages for missed assessments – Weeks 9,10 and 1.
- Year 10 official examination period removed – in class tests may occur during this time.

Pick up and Drop off

- Parents to drop students at end of drive way – kiss and drive
- No parent entry on site unless visiting Administration office.

Sickness

- Students who are sick must not be sent to school
- Any student showing signs of sickness at school must be collected and taken home.

Attendance

- Students learning from home will be marked with an E attendance code – Educational Activity (offsite)
- If students are not attending school due to illness, please inform the school via one of the following avenues:

Email: belridge.sc.absentee@education.wa.edu.au

Years 7, 8 & 9 Middle School Direct Absence Line: **9408 8063**

Years 10, 11 & 12 Senior School Direct Absence Line: **9408 8058**

SMS: **0400 209 241**

Kind regards

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