

24 March 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents & Guardians,

With a number of our local feeder private schools announcing closure during this week I want to reassure you that we are on schedule to provide ongoing support for your children. Nearly half our children are in home isolation.

Parents dropping children off at school.

It is with difficulty I make this request as it goes against all my beliefs. All parents dropping children off at school please ensure the necessary social distancing measures to protect yourselves and also the staff.

Kindy – Drop the children at the end of the ramp. Teachers and aides will escort them from there.

PP – Drop the children at the central court yard gate. The gate next to the fort area will remain locked

Cowan Hall – Drop students off on the veranda and the teachers will take them from the outside doors. Parents of Cowan 7 students please drop your child 2m from the door and the teacher will meet them.

CUBE – Please do not enter the gate enclosure. Students can enter from there.

TANGNEY – No parents are to enter the Tangney building. Please drop your children off at the doors.

Classroom Arrangements

With the number of students and teachers moving to Home Isolation we will be amalgamating classes. Teachers will share the classes and there will be no disruption to the timetable.

Connect Plan

By Friday if not before parents will receive an email with login details and password and instructions on downloading phone app / all about Connect If you have recently changed your email address, please let us know at freshwaterbay.ps@education.wa.edu.au

- School Daily Update emailed on both Connect and Skoolbag
- Connect will link to Reading Eggs, Mathletics, OzBox, Oxford Owl, Studyladder
- Commencing Week 9 discussion board folders will be ready for use
- FAQ to troubleshoot will be available to parents
- Connect opens for students Week 9 and teachers will add support material

Connect Information

The Connect Now app can be downloaded from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

[Reminder from previous emails.](#)

Talking to children about natural disasters, traumatic events or worries about the future. It feels extremely relevant. <https://vimeo.com/394049129>

Schooling from home

1. It is essential for children to maintain similar routines as going to school. This sense of normality will provide structure for the children and they will find returning to school easier.
2. Recognise that it is different, but not school holidays.
3. We recommend the following;
 - Children get up at the normal time have breakfast and dress in school uniform.
 - Focus on preparing for the day ahead. Limit distractions as much as possible and cutting out screen time.
 - We will provide activities for the children to follow this timetable;

Stay safe and stay separated.

Kind regards

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