



## BARRENJOEY HIGH SCHOOL

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### Updated response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be assured Barrenjoey High School continues to carefully monitor the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19 (coronavirus). Currently there are no reported cases within our school or local community. This means we are currently operating as close to normal as possible. However, hygiene and other practices recommended by both the Departments of Health and Education are being emphasized. More information on these practices and up to date details on the virus can be found on our website,

[Barrenjoey COVID-19 information page](#)

Both departments are frequently updating their messages and I will continue to populate our website (above) with the most up to date information available. Advice that eventuated towards the end of last Friday suggested that large gathering in excess of five hundred should be banned and in response to this our Formal Assembly scheduled for today and other such gatherings will cease for the foreseeable future. In streamlining our operations we have also cancelled school excursions, some intra-school sporting and other public events, as well as staff attending Professional Development outside of school.

In line with recent messaging we are:

- encouraging all students who are unwell with respiratory illness to remain at home
- promoting 'social distancing' and
- good hygiene practices amongst the school community.

We are also tracking all students who have reported as travelling overseas and ensuring they abide by the advice of the Departments of Health and Education by self-isolating for 14 days upon their return into the country.

### Forward planning and preparation

Please allow me to emphasise that we are not closed and this message from the Department of Education is clear. At Barrenjoey, we will be implementing proactive measures in school to minimize any potential risk (see above). These are sensible measures to protect our students, staff and communities while maintaining our essential service across education in the community.

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However, in the event that the School is required to close for a period of time, Barrenjoey HS will enact a learning plan that will ensure learning continues if the school is closed during term time for a period longer than 48 hours. It details Barrenjoey's approach to learning at home, including the learning experience, the technology systems we will employ, guidelines for how parents can support their children's learning and considerations tailored to make the best of challenging circumstances.

In the event that we are closed for more than two days, the first day will be a staff planning day, either face-to-face or remotely via technology, to ensure this plan is enacted clearly and effectively. We will be prioritizing Year 12 planning so that any potential closure has as little impact as possible on our HSC candidates.

In the meantime, we recommend that parents please give consideration to the following matters:

1. Supervision arrangements for your child during any potential closure period;
2. Ready access to the internet and school log-in details to enable your child to participate in their Google classrooms.

Kind Regards

Ian Bowsher

Principal