



Calrossy Community COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update - Wednesday, March 18

Dear Calrossy Parents and Community,

I write again to update you on our school response to COVID-19. I stress to parents that there are no cases of Coronavirus directly affecting our Calrossy community and at this stage, there are no confirmed reports of the virus in Tamworth.

The Prime Minister today spoke to the nation with the following news:

1. He indicated that schools should remain open. He said that the only reason that students should stay at home is if they are unwell. He asked parents to take responsibility for this rather than relying on teachers.
2. Indoor gatherings are now excluded to those below 100 people and outdoor events are limited to less than 500.
3. Essential services will continue but non-essential gatherings should be postponed/cancelled.
4. Social distancing and high standards of hygiene should continue to be implemented.
5. Social isolation is only required for those who have had direct contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus or have arrived back from overseas.

Our school response to this is as follows.

- Classes will continue as usual but there will be no Chapels and assemblies.
- Students who are sick must go to the Health Centre. Due to the obvious risk to our Boarders, they will be temperature checked in the morning before attending lessons.
- We will continue to stress good hygiene and social distancing.
- All sport and cultural groups are cancelled for this term.

A few other things to note:

Potential School Closure - Online Learning

We believe that we are wise to prepare for a mandated school closure and make the necessary preparations to support students and learning. Learning will be delivered via our ICT resources, the details of which will be provided. Information will be shared separately to Primary and Secondary parents, as our approach will be age appropriate. The school is mindful of supporting our HSC students in their studies.

Note that the online learning will not be the same as that offered at school. Students will access learning via the HUB and some live streams. Given the reliability of internet services and data packages, it is not possible to live stream all day.

Secondary Assessment Tasks

Assessment tasks and assignments for Year 11 and 12 students will continue this week as per usual. However, should a student be sick, they must not attend. Tasks for all other year groups will carry on as normal but deemed to be non-assessable.

The situation is fluid and has not been helped by social media and the rumour mill, some of which is speculative and not based on fact or reason. Calrossy will keep our community updated with the current situation and the latest information can be accessed on via school webpage, The HUB, or through official Calrossy social media.

Kind Regards

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