



# Court Grammar School

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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Update Number 2

Dear Parents and Care Givers

With the current heightened activity around COVID-19, we at Court Grammar School are implementing measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to students, staff and visitors.

The measures are in line with guidelines from the Association of Independent Schools of WA (AISWA) in conjunction with the WA Departments of Health and Education.

It is important that as a school community we apply a common sense, factual and practical approach to COVID-19. We will continue to only provide information which we know to be factual and is provided through the Department of Health and AISWA.

Please be advised that there is **NO CLOSURE** of schools at the present time, nor have we been advised that this is likely to happen as there appears to be more problems related to this than it solves.

We respect the right of concerned parents who have elected to keep their children home BUT we do ask you to let us know so we are not worried for their wellbeing. Where we can, we will assist in providing work but please understand that with a combination of some students at school and some at home this could become a logistical problem.

IF we are advised to close early for the Term One break we will be prepared. We are meeting as a staff today to develop an online learning system using SEESAW and SEQTA. We will be using Microsoft Teams as a method of communication which includes our ability to take online attendance.

It is **vital** to our students that we continue their learning to the extent that we can. Our Year 12 Students are a priority in this matter.

**Effective immediately**, we request you do not visit our School or allow your children to attend if;

1. You or your family have symptoms associated with COVID-19 including fever, shortness of breath and flu like symptoms including a sore throat, runny nose or cough.
2. You or your family have had known contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19.

**Please be advised that following the Minister's instructions we have implemented the following:**

1. All school Assemblies are cancelled until further notice.
2. All inter school sport and carnivals are suspended.

3. The 3-way Parent interviews with our Primary classes will be rescheduled for a date to be advised later.
4. Any subject/year-based excursions in Perth are all suspended for the time being.
5. We have a large campus so there are no problems with space for them to eat at break and lunch time.

### **Attendance at school**

Specifically, students or staff cannot attend school and need to self-quarantine if they have:

- a) returned from international travel as they must self-isolate for 14 days after the date of return to Australia.

### **Self-isolation does not apply to other members of the household who have not travelled overseas.**

- b) been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results. The above also applies to all parents/care givers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites.

Parents/care givers should notify us at School if a student will be away for the isolation period and confirm the date in which their isolation ends.

### **Hygiene**

We ask you to be vigilant around the recommended hygiene measures of regular handwashing with soap and water and teach your children about the importance of this. Our classrooms and ablution blocks are well equipped with cleaning supplies and we have stepped up the schools regular cleaning regime.

Our duty of care to our students and staff prompts us to be on high alert for any members of our school community displaying symptoms. We will act immediately by asking anyone attending school to absent themselves if they display symptoms of unwellness.

We seek your cooperation at this time and assure you of our commitment to a sensible and practical approach to this pandemic.

If you require further information, please contact us at school and we also provide the WA Health Department Coronavirus Helpline 1800 020 080.

If the situation changes, we will contact you with an update.

Yours faithfully



Patricia Rodrigues (Ms)  
Principal

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