

RE: Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This morning all Department of Education schools in WA received additional directions from the Department on a school response to the Covid-19 situation.

Ellenbrook Secondary College will enact the following as of today, Monday 16 March 2020.

- All school assemblies and gatherings of more than 500 people have been cancelled. Extra-curricular excursions and incursions have also been postponed. More information on the events postponed will follow, when available.
- Additional rooms and areas around the school will be opened at break times to allow students to spread out across the school and practice social distancing. This has and will continue to be promoted to students.
- Lunch times have been amended and staggered groups are to be given access to the canteen to avoid an area of congestion.
- Hand soap is provided in all toilets and is checked regularly to ensure it is stocked. Hand sanitiser is also provided in multiple dispensers around the school. Students are being asked to regularly wash their hands.
- Students who are unwell and have flu-like symptoms should stay home. Parents who notify the school that students are sick will have the absence recorded as a reasonable cause.
- Any students that have returned from overseas must self-isolate for 14 days.
- The College staff is currently preparing for students absent due to illness to be able to continue their class work at home. Year 11 and 12 subjects are being prioritised and more information will be provided, when available. Please note that *Connect* (accessible by visiting connect.det.wa.edu.au) will be the main platform for online communication between staff, students and their families.

The Department of Education regularly provides updates on their website. We encourage parents/guardians to visit their link:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/coronavirus-school-update>

All information provided by the Department will be updated on our school website and we will continue to work with the Department of Education and the Department of Health, to provide the best possible situation for your child.

Regards,

Paul Clarke
Acting Principal

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