

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you during the school holidays to let you know about the arrangements for our school for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children. It is based upon the latest update from the Government of Western Australia.

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances. You may have read certain articles in social media or newspapers- the official Western Australian Government Schools Plan for term 2 is attached.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday;
- Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day. There will be no students at school as staff will be using this day for preparation;
- From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them;
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable, it will not be a regular class set up and we will be looking at social distancing requirements to spread the students attending;
- For those children learning from home, this will be through online or hard copy packages provided to you from school. Details of how to undertake and return the work will accompany the packages. We sent our first lot out in week 10 and plan to do another delivery once the term is underway. We will continue to develop our online learning options via Connect for students learning at home;
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each DAY by phone and/or online;
- Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend school to continue their critical study program in the case of WACE and ATAR requirements;
- Parents are asked to drop their child/children at the school gate, please do not enter the school grounds. We have not heard from the PTA as to school bus arrangements.

The State Government is providing \$43 million in additional funding to expand school cleaning, in line with the health advice. Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and hand rails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected. Our playgrounds will be open and play equipment will be cleaned before school and after each break.

We will provide further information on how our school will manage this situation, ahead of school beginning on Wednesday 29 April. Keep in touch via CONNECT, our website or via Facebook.

These arrangements will be in place and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership as we navigate this together.

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For us to determine how Cannington Community ESC will operate, it is important to gain an understanding as to how many students will actually be attending school and how many students will be working from home. **To this end, please email your classroom teacher indicating your intentions by Monday 27th April, 2020.** We require an email from all parents and appreciate your support in assisting our decision making processes with this information. If you can't email you can ring the school on 93512480 and leave your details.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AWilson', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Wilson
Principal
April 21st 2020