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COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you would be aware, in response to the national and international review of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Prime Minister announced that from today, non-essential gatherings would not continue. Schools, as an essential service along with all businesses, workplaces and travel on public transport have not been included in this restriction, nor closed at this time.

All NSW Public Schools have been given guidelines on "social distancing". The NSW Department of Education (NSW DoE) also provides the latest news on a range of topics, including COVID-19 on their website, which provides many useful links and resources:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/news>

In light of the new restrictions imposed by the Australian Government and along with updates and requirements on school operations from the NSW DoE, I met with the Executive and staff today to advise them of updated school procedures and the social distancing guidelines to be followed to reduce social contact. As a large school of over 900 students, this is particularly relevant for our day-to-day operations in order to maintain optimal health of all students, staff and community members and limit the exposure to, contact with or the spread of COVID-19. Whilst it is unfortunate, upcoming school events will need to be cancelled in many cases. The following changes to internal school routines and events will commence from today:

- Assemblies (K-2 / 3-6) will not continue until further notice
- Students will line up outside their room in the morning and after every break
- Changes to some play areas
- Harmony Day Parent Coffee Morning **CANCELLED**
- Summer PSSA **CANCELLED** (Only one round remains. Fees will be carried forward to Term 4)
- Support Unit Woolworths Excursion **POSTPONED** (Will be rescheduled with fee carried forward)
- Hills Performing Arts Rehearsal **POSTPONED** (Will be rescheduled with fee carried forward)
- All school Choirs **CANCELLED** at the present time
- P&C Disco **CANCELLED**
- Cross Country **CANCELLED**
- Easter Hat Parade **CANCELLED**
- ANZAC Service **CANCELLED**

As the school is kept updated by the NSW DoE and NSW Health on requirements to follow around school operations, we will keep our school community advised.

We understand that these restrictions may cause some distress and disruptions to students, our families as well as staff. We endeavour to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible during this very difficult local, national and international situation

Thank you for your understanding in these challenging times for us all.

Regards,

Mr Craig Warner
Principal