

Coronavirus UPDATE 17 March 2020

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

The Prime Minister introduced measures placed on international arrivals into Australia. This means a mandatory 14-day self-isolation requirement will be placed on all international arrivals into Australia.

The National Cabinet also endorses the advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) today to introduce social distancing measures.

The Smartraveller level advice for all Australian's travelling overseas has been upgraded to a level 3 – 'reconsider your need for overseas travel' at this time. In addition to this, some countries remain at a level 4 – 'do not travel'.

Regardless of the destination, age or health of the traveller, if the overseas travel is not essential, the Australian Government has asked people to reconsider.

International travel arrangements. The implications of the new 14 day self-isolating restrictions for all arrivals into Australia will be communicated and is TBA as more information becomes available.

MASS GATHERINGS

The Australian Government has announced that all organised, **non-essential mass gatherings attended by more than 500 people** must be cancelled from Monday 16 March 2020.

The announcement was very clear this does not apply to schools, **and that there is no need for school closures.**

It does however include activities such as assemblies, concerts and the like where they involve more than 500 people.

Mass Gatherings at AHPS

Based on the information provided above, Anne Hamersley Primary School will **not** participate in the following gatherings until further notice.

- Class Assemblies – Scheduled in the Under Cover Area
- Monday Musters (In-House assemblies) in the Under Cover Area on Mondays
- Colour Run – scheduled for 20 March 2020
- Harmony Day – including all activities planned – Scheduled 23 March to 27 March 2020
- ANZAC Commemoration – Scheduled 9 April 2020
- Interschool Carnival - Summer Carnival Scheduled for the end of Term One
- All other major school based events planned for this term will be rescheduled, where possible.

As an extended precaution the items below will be inclusive on the non-participation list.

- Parent help
- Non-essential visitation
- Incursions/Excursions/Camps

NAPLAN

Please note that NAPLAN Practice Testing will still go ahead as planned for Yr 3 and Yr 5 students during Week 8, Term One.

Forward Planning

Please be assured that we have put stringent measures in place to cater for student and staff hygiene needs at AHPS. As far as practicable, procedures have been developed to minimise the risk. These include:

- Hygiene Measures

- Sensible Social Distancing
- Classroom Practices
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Alternative modes of communication

What we can do;

1. Support children by listening to them, reassuring them, giving extra attention and love.
 2. Provide more opportunities for play, outside time and relaxing.
 3. Learn the facts from reliable sources-limit media exposure.
 4. Keep things in perspective-model calmness.
 5. Maintain a healthy lifestyle
 6. Take reasonable precautions
- wash hands frequently
 - avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
 - keep sick family members at home until they fully recover
 - seek medical care early for family members that have a fever, cough or experience breathing difficulties

Support and advice

Parents/carers, students and staff are referred to the [Department of Health website](#) or the healthdirect helpline on **1800 020 080** for more information on the virus and its symptoms.

Website links

1. [Information for parents and schools](#)
2. [Australian Government Department of Health](#)
3. [Department of Education](#)