



COVID 19 Update for Tuesday, 24/3/20

Dear parents and carers

From Tuesday, 24/3/20, schools will remain open; however, we will operate very differently. The Premier has requested that parents keep children at home, unless you are required to go to work to provide essential services. Moreover, there are some high needs children for whom school is a necessary option.

Schools have been asked to provide learning opportunities and materials for students working at home. But we are not expected, nor required, to provide different lessons to the students who attend school. One set of lessons is to be delivered each day, whether delivered at school under teacher supervision, or at home under parent supervision.

For students working at home, lesson content and learning activities will be most often delivered via the online platform of Google Classroom. The same content and materials will be delivered here at school. We ask that students at home follow their normal school timetable, lesson by lesson, each day. This is what their peers will be doing at school, where we will have students allocated to a designated computer room for each Year, or other learning space subject to the number of students present. Following the usual timetable helps to establish a regular routine of learning each day. The timetabled day and week for tomorrow is Tuesday, Week B.

We recognise that as the situation develops, and following the premier's announcement this morning, people will want to keep children home, but have questions about remote learning, how to access it, and what students are expected to do. By now, students should have been provided with information about the Google Classroom for each of their subjects. Parents and students looking for this information can find it on the school website at: <https://springwood-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/digital-learning.html>

Please be aware that our website is part of a central system for public schools in NSW. It is very slow at this time, and so our updates and uploads can be stalled by the extraordinary traffic the central system is experiencing at this time. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes you.

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If your child does not have access to the internet at home, please call the school on Tuesday and leave a message with the office to say that some assistance will be required in accessing learning materials. The relevant teaching staff member will call back to make alternative arrangements.

In relation to assessment 7-10, further information will be sent in coming days with specific advice. We are looking at what changes we need to make to the form, content and due dates for assessment tasks in 7-10. Variations to tasks that fall in the next days can be expected. Some changes were made to tasks due tomorrow and communicated to students who were present today. This information will be entered on the Google Classroom for that subject/class. Students absent today are not expected to complete or submit that task tomorrow. In the interim, students are advised to work on the lesson material posted to Google Classroom, or which will be delivered to them in an alternative way for students without internet access.

For senior students, schools are awaiting advice from the NESA Board, which meets tomorrow, regarding the HSC and assessment tasks. More information will follow on this once it is available. In the interim, students are advised to be revising and studying the preliminary HSC course content for the subjects they have been studying. We will provide information about the preliminary HSC end of course exams, which were to start next week, asap in the next days.

We appreciate and thank you for your patience. Teachers are in the process of developing suitable learning materials and getting them uploaded for students. It is a process that takes time.

Further information from the Department of Education today for students who will be at school is that school canteens should be closed, and extra-curricular activities should be cancelled. Student transport will continue.

Parents and carers seeking advice and guidance on assisting students working from home may wish to go the Advice for Parents and carers page at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home>

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It is a very difficult time for us all. Please look after yourselves, your loved ones and each other. Thank you again for your support, kind words and patience.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Howie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue dot above the letter 'i'.

Dr Mark Howie
Principal