

Dear Safety Bay Senior High School families,

UPDATE: Wednesday 25th March 2020

I am writing to update you on developments in this constantly changing world of COVID-19. We have no confirmed cases in our school community. Thank you for working with us as we continue to provide an education for your children. At this stage we are still open for business. I understand that some of our neighbouring private schools have closed, but we are continuing to provide classes as per the "new normal".

Our attendance today (Wednesday 25th March) was down to about 35%. Please let us know if you are keeping your child/children home because you are self isolating at home with them or you are choosing to keep them home due to underlying health issues of the child or a member of your family. I totally support the decisions that you as parents and carers are making for your children and families. You are best placed to know your family's needs. If you let us know that your child is being kept home, we will mark their attendance as "reasonable" and this will not affect their Good Standing. You can let our friendly Student Services team know that your child will be absent by calling **9527 0200**, emailing **safetybay.shs.attendance@education.wa.edu.au** or by sending an SMS to **0407 472 038**.

Student Work & Reading Material:

- Our teachers are placing programs of work, tasks, worksheets and other resources on [CONNECT](#)
- The Department of Education are providing online access to resources for parents and students through the [Learning at home](#) website
- As many of the community Libraries are closed, please encourage your children to borrow reading materials from our school library
- By now, you will have received a Task Mark Analysis from every subject your child is currently studying in lieu of yesterday's cancelled Parent-Teacher Interviews. This will indicate whether their teacher would like to speak to you regarding their progress in the subject. You can then email the relevant teacher directly to book in a time to chat on the phone or discuss via email to resolve the issue. Please allow a few days for our teachers to get back in this busy time.

Health & Wellbeing:


- Some students may have heightened anxiety around the COVID-19 from media reports and general discussions at school, home or the community. The [Department of Education website](#) provides advice and resources for parents, carers and students. This includes a wide range of resources and information related to the impact of COVID-19 on young people's health and well being and the impact on families
- Please ensure that students bring their own water bottle from home to refill from the water fountains
- We are continuing to ensure that facilities are well cleaned and kept clean during the school day
- We are encouraging social distancing - as hard as it is to separate teenagers!
- We are minimising activities that require shared equipment. eg PE classes are not doing some sport activities such as Cricket and Baseball where they share bats

Canteen & Uniform Shop:

- From next Monday the Canteen will be working on an "order only" system.
- The Canteen business has slowed to such an extent that it is no longer viable for them to have stock of every item all of the time. They will not be able to have "spare" meals made up and available
- Students MUST place an order BEFORE school to be collected at recess or lunchtime. Parents can also order online via [QuickClig](#)
- Tudor Uniforms have closed their on site store for the rest of term. Uniforms can be purchased [online](#)

In the event that we have to close due to a confirmed case, it will be on the advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Medical Officer. This will not occur in the middle of a school day. We will give families the longest possible opportunity to plan for the school closing before it occurs. There are no current plans to close the school or interrupt in-school learning. Please stay up to date on this situation in between our communications by visiting the Australian Government Department of Health website: www.health.gov.au

Many thanks for your support,



Anne Hudson-Brown
Principal

