

TERM 2 UPDATE: Thursday 14th May 2020

Dear Safety Bay families,

I want to thank you all for your support in what was one of the most unusual starts to a school term we have ever seen. Together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

Today, the State Government announced changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice. As of **Monday, 18 May 2020** all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

This means students are either:

- **at school;**
- **have a medical referral to learn from home; or**
- **recorded as absent if they do not attend.**

Over the last three weeks we have seen 84% of students return to school across the state, which has been fantastic. Here at Safety Bay Senior High School, our attendance rate has been between 68-84% during this time.

Current health advice states that schools remain safe for staff and students and should remain open. We want to make sure all children get the best education possible, which is why attending school is so important. We are here to make sure all children are learning and there's no doubt, schools are the best place for them to learn.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, or those who have a family member with chronic health issues, we will work with you in partnership with the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support your child's learning from home. If you feel your child is in this category, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will work together on next steps.

If your child does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.

The extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2 will continue and as part of the social distancing measures, we continue to ask parents/carers to drop children at the school gate and not enter the school grounds without an appointment.

The State Government will continue to make decisions based on the best health advice. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward. If you have any question please to contact us via email safetybay.shs@education.wa.edu.au or call us on 9527 0200.

Take care,



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