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Sunnybank

STATE HIGH SCHOOL

COVID-19 Update - A special message from the Principal for Parents and Caregivers March 16 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As a school we wish to assure you that our core business of teaching and learning continues as does our focus on the wellbeing of our entire Sunnybank community. Sunnybank State High School will continue to monitor and respond to the evolving situation around the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Further to the email communication (with attached letter) that was sent to our community on Wednesday 11 March, please find additional information outlined below:

The Department of Education continues to work closely with Queensland Health to monitor the situation and identify and manage any impacts on schools and early childhood centres. You can be assured that we have been preparing and stand ready to act should the need arise.

I wanted to also provide you with information about the approach that our school is taking in line with government guidelines:

- there will be no full school or year level assemblies being held until further notice
- all mass gathering events will be postponed until further notice
- school excursions will not run until further notice
- the school will notify parents when students present to sick bay so parents can make arrangements for students to be picked up from school
- we will continue to explicitly teach and encourage good hygiene practices
- all bathroom amenities will be monitored regularly to ensure adequate access to appropriate hygiene products

If your child develops flu-like symptoms, please:

- keep your child at home;
- avoid close contact with others such as touching, kissing or hugging, or any mass gatherings, especially those involving other children;
- see a doctor or contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) immediately;
- seek medical advice if your child has other underlying medical conditions; and
- call ahead to the medical centre or doctor's surgery, advising of your child's symptoms

It is also important to continue to encourage your children to:

- wash their hands regularly with soap and water, particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet;
- use alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap is unavailable;
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow; and
- dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.

While you can be reassured that the Department of Education and Department of Health are taking all necessary measures to contain COVID-19, it is important for me to assure you that the school will continue to act on the direct advice of the Health and Department of Education. We will communicate information to our school community, parents and caregivers via email and Facebook to ensure that we are all informed and prepared as a community.

I thank you for your support in managing this event and supporting student awareness of the additional need for strong health and hygiene practices.

Yours sincerely
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