



Woy Woy Public School

A PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 6 SCHOOL

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Guliyali Preschool



"We challenge and support all students to achieve their personal best."

COVID 19 'Social Distancing Measures' Update #2

The school executive met yesterday afternoon after school to determine whether additional 'social distancing' measures, over and above shutting down assemblies, excursions and other extra-curricular activities, were necessary and appropriate precautions to take. It was decided to implement the following additional measures:

- Shared indoor spaces with 'high-touch surfaces' such as keyboards, mice, virtual reality headsets etc, including the computer room and the library, will be off-limits to students at lunch and recess.
- The computer room will be unavailable for class groups to utilise until further notice.
- The library will remain available for class groups to utilise during their allocated timeslots, however students will not be able to borrow books to take home. Mrs Walker will ensure that protocols for hand-washing are followed before and after library lessons and classroom teachers will support her in this endeavour.
- Fixed playground equipment will be off-limits to students until further notice.
- Staff meetings and professional learning sessions will be conducted in environments that allow for those in attendance to sit comfortably apart from their colleagues.

Further to yesterday's message, we would also like to remind everyone that we are discouraging students from using the school's bubblers at this stage, so it will be important that students bring drink bottles to school in order to stay hydrated.

Busways have been in contact with the school and have asked us to share the following information:

"With the COVID-19 situation continuing to evolve in NSW, it is important to keep up to date with the latest information and advice. School and route bus services are currently operating as normal, however, should this change unexpectedly, Busways advises it will post updates to school and route bus services to its website. Parents are encouraged to regularly check the Busways website at www.busways.com.au for updates and announcements regarding bus services for Woy Woy Public School in case changes happen unexpectedly outside of school hours. Regular checks to the Busways website will ensure you have the most up to date information."

We would like to remind everyone that it is the advice of NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education that if your children are unwell, *they should remain at home until symptoms resolve themselves, and that parents and carers should seek advice from a medical practitioner before sending them back to school.* The school has received some enquiries about whether students who elect to remain at home will be provisioned with work to complete in their absence from school. Any students who are required to stay at home in order to comply with self-isolation requirements or who suffer from ongoing medical conditions and have been advised by their GP to stay at home as a precautionary measure, are eligible to receive school work to be completed at home. Please contact the school office if your child fits into this category. Since the school is open and fully operational at this time and teachers are providing work for those students in attendance at school, no work will be prepared for students whose parents have elected to keep them at home when they are in good health.

Once again, thank you for your understanding and for the positive, supportive response we have received thus far as we put these measures into place. We will continue to post regular updates on the school's website, app and Facebook page to keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Regards,

Ms Buckley and Mr Betts

Principals



Woy Woy Public School's mission is to provide a warm, caring, secure place where students and their efforts are valued by a committed staff and an actively supportive community.

I Aspire is our motto. Respect is our job.

