



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 #3

Dear Parents/Carers,

We here at Woy Woy Public School have always been very proud of the fact that so many parents and siblings of students, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and even former students of the school feel comfortable coming through the gates and interacting with each other. Walking through the playground on any given day at bell time in the morning or afternoon, you'll not only see students laughing and playing, but you'll also see parents and teachers chatting amiably, and groups of parents sitting together catching up on the latest community news. We have a very caring, very involved community who evidently feel very welcome on school grounds, which is exactly how it should be.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves and stricter social distancing measures are starting to be implemented in our community at shops, restaurants, clubs and the like, it may well be time for us to pause and think about precautions that we may need to take given the number of people onsite at 9am and at 3pm. All parents are welcome on the school grounds at all times, but when the best advice we can obtain is that groups of more than one hundred individuals should not be congregating in any one place, we as a school community might just need to adjust our thinking about drop-off and pick-up times. We understand that drop-off time can be a source of anxiety for some students and that they need the reassurance of having their parent or carer with them as bell time gets closer. No-one will be asked to leave the school grounds. What we are suggesting is that we are not far off having to ask parents to drop (and pick-up) children at the school gates, and that community members might like to start preparing for, or perhaps even implementing, these measures at this very point in time.

Unfortunately, the school has made the difficult decision to shut down the operation of its Breakfast Club until further notice. Scripture lessons at Woy Woy Public School will also be postponed until further notice, as is the case in all peninsula schools, as of next week.

Yesterday, we asked for parents to contact the school if their children don't have access to device at home that can be used to complete online activities. The school's e-mail address is (woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Contacting the school will allow your child's teacher to be able to make suitable arrangements for the provision of school work to your child in the event of school closures. Please note that the school has not received any directive or information about school closures, so it's business as usual next week.

Please also note that we are keeping children off the playground equipment at break times at the moment, since the playground equipment itself constitutes a 'high touch' surface. We would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your children do not access the playground equipment before or after school when they are onsite in your care.

We will continue to update you all regularly as the situation unfolds, and if and when the school implements additional social distancing measures to ensure the safety of students, staff and all members of the school community. Keep checking the school's Facebook page and watch for notifications on the school's app. Feel free to contact the school if you have any concerns at all.

Stay safe and look after yourselves.

Ms Buckley, Mr Betts and the staff of Woy Woy Public School



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.



