

**Independent Public School
Broome Cluster
Five Schools, One Community**



24 March, 2020

Dear Broome cluster school parents and carers,

We are writing to update you on the evolving situation in response to COVID-19. The Department of Education is working closely with the Department of Health, particularly Dr Andrew Robertson, the WA Chief Health Officer. We will continue to update our community as soon as the advice changes.

Broome public schools remain open

On 22 March State Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed that at this time schools will remain open through to the end of the current school term to support students whose parents choose to send them to school.

The schools support parents' rights to self-isolate their children if they decide to do so. These students will be marked as R (Reasonable Cause) on the roll with a note stating COVID-19 family imposed self-isolation.

Consistent with Department of Education advice, teachers will not be providing student work packages for home for as long as school remains open.

Curriculum continuity in the event of closure

We are making preparations for continuity of teaching and learning in the event of a significant disruption to student learning, including the potential for a temporary school closure.

The Department of Education is working to provide online access to resources for parents, caregivers and students. This will be through the Learning at Home website: www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home. The website is now available and resources will continue to be added over the coming weeks.

Where can I get more information?

The WA Department of Health has updated information including frequently asked questions about the novel coronavirus. To view this information, you can visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus. You can also call the national Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

To receive school-specific information, please call your school on the number provided below.

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