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# Alfords Point Public School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

In line with NSW Department of Education advice I wish to advise that a number of events organised to occur before the end of Term 1 have been cancelled. At this point in time the school has no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19; however, the Department has advised schools to implement proactive practical measures to support the wider NSW Health containment strategy.

Whilst normal daily class activities will continue, activities which include our wider school community or contact with multiple other schools will cease until further notice. At this stage there are no alternative dates organised. These are sensible measures taken to protect Alfords Point Public School students, staff and community.

The events and activities cancelled are:

- Alfords Point Public School P&C meeting – Monday 16 March
- Sydney East basketball trials
- Engadine Zone rugby league trials
- Regional swimming – Tuesday 17 March
- Grandparents /Harmony Day – Friday 20 March
- SSSMF Senior choir rehearsal – 26 March
- SSSMF Junior Choir rehearsal – 27 March
- Stage 3 Camp – Monday 30 March – Wednesday 1 April
- Alfords Point Public School Cross Country Carnival – 3 April
- Easter Hat Parade – 9 April
- PSSA Sport

Events such as Menai HS enrichment, values assembly and school photos will still occur at this time. Advice regarding parent teacher interviews will be communicated closer to the date.

Regular attendance at school is important to meet the educational needs of our students and in assisting students to maximise their potential.

All students are expected to be at school at this time. The teachers are following their daily learning timetables to ensure our school remains a safe and supportive learning environment for our students.

Activities such as our dance program are not affected. The dance program for junior, senior and boys hip hop will continue each week.

The school continues to support good hygiene and has implemented regular hand washing schedules throughout the day, supervision of hand sanitation, promoting cough and sneeze etiquette and discouraging face touching. Parents/carers are also asked to reinforce good hygiene with their children. Any student or staff member who shows signs of being unwell will be sent home.

Three actions we can all take to help manage the spread of illness are:



1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell.** Students or staff who show signs of being unwell through the day will be sent home.

On 15 March, the Government put in place new measures for people arriving in Australia. Individuals **must** self-isolate for a period of 14 days on arrival to Australia, including returning Australian citizens and residents. Any student who returns from overseas travel from 15 March 2020 will not be allowed to return to school until after they have self-isolated for 14 days from the date they returned to Australia.

The Australian Government now advises all Australians reconsider their needs for overseas travel at this time. Regardless of the destination, your age or health, if overseas travel is not essential, you should consider carefully whether now is the right time to travel.

The school is committed to keeping our school community informed. All communication from the school will be disseminated via notes, email, skoolbag app and the Alford's Point Public School Facebook page.

Regards,

Annette Wein  
Principal