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## Coronavirus Update #2

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Joshua 1:19**

***Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.***

The news we are hearing around our nation, as well as our globe, is one of significant need. We need to be praying for our world and brothers and sisters around Australia and the globe.

The update for schools, and more specifically Leighland Christian School, continues to encourage us to reinvent how we can change some of our structures and procedures. We want to encourage you the children's spirits remain high, they are engaged with their learning and where possible, we are continuing to provide a stable, settled and productive environment in the classrooms.

Our hygiene and cleaning routines at school have stepped up, which hopefully results in your children helping around homes too. It is essential that we remain connected and that as families in the LCS community, you continue to have that connection with each other. With so many events being postponed or cancelled, can we direct you to our School website and social media pages as a source of information and pictorial update of the learning that continues in the classrooms?

Our staff are trialling new resources and working hard to prepare for an unprecedented, worldwide event. If you need to communicate with your teachers, please continue to do so. We want to ensure that you feel listened to and that you have someone to talk to. Can we ask that you please call the Office to ask for a phone meeting or that you communicate via email?

The latest information is:

- **LCS will continue to be open as directed by authorities;**
- **Hygiene and consideration of proximity to others is in a main focus;**
- **If students or staff are unwell, they are required to stay home;**
- **If you (as a parent or student) have travelled interstate, please inform the Principal before returning to school;**
- **We respect individual family's choices to refrain from school for their own reasons. Parents are entitled to decide the most appropriate action for their children. The usual absence rules do not apply but please call or email us to inform us of your decision;**
- **Gatherings need to remain small with new restrictions in place (announced today with less than 100 people in an inside venue);**
- **We need to be encouraging others, journey with each other and praying for one another during these difficult and changing times we are living in.**

Remember to call the Tasmania Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738 or visit [www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus) if you have questions about your health or someone else's health.

Can we encourage us all to help our neighbours and our community, and to look after each other in a way that we may have not done before?

*"...Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)*

I would like to thank our community members for the work they are doing. We have parents who are serving the wider community through church ministries, charity services, health care, aged care and emergency services. We thank you and continue to pray for your strength and strength for our politicians, leaders and National Cabinet as they navigate through this time.

As a community, we are in this together and are covering each other in prayer.

Yours faithfully



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**A letter from Tasmanian Premier on schools:**

[http://www.premier.tas.gov.au/releases/supporting\\_tasmanian\\_students2](http://www.premier.tas.gov.au/releases/supporting_tasmanian_students2)

**Resources:**

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/coronavirus-video-help-stop-the-spread>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/coronavirus-video-recent-traveller>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/coronavirus-video-stay-informed#>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/coronavirus-video-good-hygiene-starts-here>