

# WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may have heard, today, the Government has announced all public schools in Western Australia will remain open until the end of term – Thursday, 9 April 2020. However, families are now encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so. The Department's learning from home resources are available to you to access and will complement the schools' resources (see information below).

## **What this means for Wagin DHS:**

- From Monday, 30 March to Friday, 3 April all children who attend school will be taught as normal.
- The following week (6 to 9 April) Teachers and Education Assistants will prepare teaching programs for Term 2.
- During this time (6 to 9 April), students who attend school will be supervised.

The Government recognises there will still be families who need to send their children to school to continue their learning during this period. These may include:

- Children of parents and carers who need their children to attend school to maintain employment.
- Children who live in families with aged relatives.
- Children where it is safer for them to be at school.

Lisa Rogers, Director General will be hosting an information session for Principals tomorrow late afternoon. Updated communication will be sent to families once we have a better understanding of what Term 2 will look like. As you can appreciate this is a rapidly evolving situation.

As mentioned in my previous correspondence, before the end of this week teachers will email parents a list of curriculum resources that will supplement your child's home based learning for the remainder of this term. This is in line with a continuation of their current classroom curriculum.

The Department of Education has also created a website to support distance learning – 'Learning at home'. Please find the link below.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

The [Learning at home](#) website provides advice and resources for parents and carers, educators and students. This includes a wide range of resources and information related to the impact of COVID-19 on students' health and wellbeing and the impact on families.

Please visit the information on [Support for parents and carers](#) or [Helping children cope with stress](#).

We acknowledge that whilst initially students may be pleased with the idea of home schooling, a prolonged period without the usual structure of school and socializing may have an impact on your child. Parents are advised that, if they need urgent mental health advice and support for themselves or their child, there is a 24-hour crisis support line 1800 048 636. Additional support avenues are also available on this website.

We ask that you look through the resources you have/will be sent over the course of the next week. If you have any problems or queries, please contact the school on 9861 3200 to arrange a time to speak to a staff member or myself.

Kind regards

Tracy Pickering  
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