



Dear Parents and Carers

At PLC Armidale the care and well-being of our students, families, staff and community, is our primary focus. Therefore, we are sharing an update on the actions the College is taking and preparations being made for any potential disruption to our usual operation as COVID-19 spreads in Australia and NSW in particular.

The College is following advice received from the Association of Independent Schools (AISNSW), Public Health NSW and other Government Agencies.

Regular updates will be provided via email, linked to a [portal on our website](#). Information regarding COVID-19 has been placed here also. We will send a text message to alert you when an update email is sent.

The Executive of the College is focusing on

- Our duty of care to the girls and staff
- Maintaining usual operation of the College during this time
- Providing continuity of the education for the girls including academic, pastoral care, sport and co-curricular.

Updates will be as clear and succinct as possible and information will be set out with bullet points and keywords highlighted.

Current Status

- No students or staff currently have COVID-19
- No students, staff or families have reported direct exposure to COVID-19
- The College is making plans and preparing for potential disruption to usual operation
- We are continuing with business as usual, subject to change as additional information is made available.

Updates

- The European Study Tour has been **cancelled** and will be offered in 2021
- The Year 10 Excursion to Canberra has been **postponed** until Term 4
- The Year 11 Excursion to Coffs Harbour **is progressing** in Week 8
- The Years 7-9 Excursion to Camp Somerset **is progressing** in Week 8
- The Years 3-6 Camps to Lake Ainsworth and Lake Keepit scheduled for Week 10 are **being reviewed**
- Student Exchanges in Term 3 are in the **planning** stage
- Service Learning Trips in the October holidays are in the **planning** stage
- Activities and events of the College are being evaluated each week and may be cancelled or postponed at short notice
- Teachers are preparing for potential disruption to **student learning**. Contingency plans for short and long term local school closures are being finalised
- Preparations are being made to provide students access to teaching and learning should the College be required to close
- Girls who present at school as being **unwell** will be sent home or cared for in the

Practical Actions

- Hygiene, hygiene, HYGIENE!
- Remind your daughter about hand-washing, covering nose and mouth if coughing or sneezing
- If your daughter is sick in any way, or if a member of your household is sick, please do not send her to school unless cleared by a doctor.

A dedicated email address, covid-19information@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au, has been created so please send any questions or comments you may have to this address and they will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff to respond. Updates will be sent from this address also.

As the old adage says “prepare for the worst, hope and pray for the best”. This is the approach that PLC Armidale will take to ensure our focus on the girls and their learning remains at the fore.

Yours sincerely,

