

Dear Parent/caregiver,

The Department of Education is working closely under the direction of the WA Department of Health and related Australian Government agencies to ensure that precautions have been in place to halt the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We have just been advised that as part of the government's response to managing the spread of COVID-19, formal education in classrooms will finish at the end of Friday 3rd April. After that families are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home and access the online learning resources referred to in this letter below. Between now and then, families with the capacity to care for their children at home are encouraged to do so.

However, arrangements will be in place to supervise any children who have to attend school in the last week of term before Easter, 6th – 9th April. Teachers and support staff will use this time to plan and prepare for a new way of teaching from the start of Term 2.

In the situation where you have to send your children to school from the 6th - 9th April, please ring the school office, 99416000, by Thursday 2nd April so that we know how many children we will be supervising.

Despite the fact that we are not being closed due to a confirmed case of COVID-19, during the school closure, if you or your child develop symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, please follow Department of Health advice and see your doctor.

The temporary school closures are based on a health emergency, therefore the WA Department of Health, as lead agency, will keep the Department of Education up-to-date with health advice for managing the spread of COVID-19. The Department of Health will also provide advice to the Director General of Education about when it is possible to re-open schools.

During the physical school closure students attending Carnarvon Community College will be provided with curriculum support through the following means:

- The Department of Education will provide online access to resources through the 'Learning at Home' website: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home/>
- Carnarvon Community College will have a Connect class for each Phase of Learning (ie. K-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12) where teachers will post learning activities for students to access and to communicate with teachers.
- Instructions on accessing Connect will be included with this letter.
- Wherever possible activities shared via Connect will require minimal resources and ideally be actionable offline. This will minimise the use of data for families without home Wi-fi.

- Year 11 and 12 Courses of Study will continue via Connect and students will be expected to maintain their coursework.
- With the hard copy of this letter families will receive a list of age appropriate suggested learning activities that can be done at home to engage their children so that they are continuing to use and develop Literacy and Numeracy skills.

If you have any general or specific COVID-19 health related questions please refer to the WA Department of Health website https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus or contact the National COVID-19 helpline on 1800 020 080 or consult your family doctor. It is important that you support your child throughout this period of general social anxiety. We have attached some general advice on this. If you would like further information, please contact the school via the school's email Carnarvon.CC@education.wa.edu.au

I would like to personal stress the most important thing at this time is the health and wellbeing of you and your family, and encourage you to prioritise that at home. While this is a unique challenge being presented to our children, together we will make it work.

It is so important that we have the most accurate contact details for your family, please call our office on 9941 6000 to confirm or update.

Thank you for your support.

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