# KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



Monday 16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 16 March the Department of Education issued operational guidelines for all Department of Education schools.

These guidelines include the following;

## Stay home if you are sick

If your child is unwell with respiratory illness, they should remain at home until symptoms resolve and where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner (and call ahead first).

## Social distancing

A phased social distancing strategy will be implemented from today, Monday 16 March 2020, to support ongoing school and corporate operations. In the first phase of its social distancing strategy, the department will take a number of practical measures to support wider NSW Health containment strategies. Implementation at our school includes the following;

#### School assemblies

Our school will look at alternative ways to communicate with students and parents other than through school assemblies.

#### School excursions

All school excursions outside of our school's local community will be cancelled until further notice.

#### Activities and events

All major Arts, Sports and Initiative activities and events will temporarily be ceased until further notice. This includes whole school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools.

# As a result of these guidelines the following events at our school will now be cancelled or postponed.

- There will be no morning assemblies
- Wednesday 18 March Harmony Day Morning Assembly
- Thursday 19 March Aboriginal Afternoon Tea
- Monday 23- Wednesday 25 March Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Friday March 27 Breakfast Radio Show
- Friday March 27 PSSA Sydney North Swimming Carnival
- Friday 3 April Value of Month Presentation Assembly
- Thursday 9 April K-1 Easter Hat Parade

As the Department of Education advises us of any updates we will continue to communicate this information regularly.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this situation.

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