



## **Information about Wellbeing at Wiripaang PS**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you are aware the World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The situation in regard to COVID-19 continues to evolve with an increasing number of countries having sustained community transmission. Efforts are now focused on considered actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community and protect those who are likely to experience more severe disease such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. These steps are also essential to reduce the demands on the health system so that it can function effectively.

### **Good practices to manage your own hygiene -**

1. **Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.**
2. **Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.**
3. **Stay home if you are unwell. We will send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day. Please ensure that we can contact you.**

### **Stay home if you are sick**

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. If you are unwell with respiratory illness, you should remain at home until symptoms resolve and, where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner (and call ahead first). Remember to also clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20-seconds with soap and water and cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

### **At Wiripaang PS the staff will,**

- Supervise hand sanitation, particularly for younger children
- Promoting cough and sneeze etiquette
- Introduce regular hand washing schedules throughout the school day
- Provide hand soap in bathrooms

Children with chronic medical conditions or immunosuppression may be at increased risk of disease. Please consider special arrangements for these children, such as home-based study where their learning can be done uncompromised. We suggest that a plan be developed in consultation with their healthcare provider and our school.

### **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.

### **School excursions**

All school excursions will be postponed until further notice.

We appreciate your calm approach to this unprecedented pandemic. We will keep health and safety of our school community at the forefront of all decision making. Please contact the school if there is anything we can do to support.

**In the event our school is required to close, we will place a message onto our school's website, Facebook page, Seesaw and send a text message home.**

Mrs Julie Low Relieving Principal