

Woolgoolga High School



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I would like to thank the school community for supporting the school during these difficult times.

Please note the Woolgoolga High School website remains the best place to get links for updated information. A Wellbeing Hub has been included for students who need to reach out to a staff member should they require.

Links to updated Department of Education materials relating to COVID-19 are on the school's website front page. There are also direct links to student online learning which our students are using to keep up with their studies.

Next term, should you have any problems with student learning from home or accessing student's work, please contact the school and ask to speak with a teacher from the relevant faculty.

If your child has not yet connected online with the school, please ring early next term to fix any problems you may be experiencing. Many parents and students are also accessing paper based materials that are the same as the online learning. Contact the school early next term for these resources.

Staff will return to work on Monday 27 April. Students will resume online learning on Tuesday 28 April. Please contact the school if you require information or support for online learning on 02 66541500.

At the end of this short newsletter you will find information about how we may celebrate ANZAC Day due to its cancellation.

I would like to inform the community that I have been asked to act in the Principal's position at Wollumbin High School for Terms 2 to 4 this year. Relieving Principals at Woolgoolga High School will be Mr Henderson in Term 2 and Ms Nickell in Term 3. I will return as Principal in 2021.

Enjoy your break and I hope things get back to normal very soon.

Keep safe and keep in contact with the school.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal

Special Edition

Students and Parents,

We would like to give study advice to help both students and parents during this difficult transition.

It is advised/optimal for students to follow their normal timetable as closely as possible. For example, if they have Mathematics and English periods one and two tomorrow, they would spend between approximately 9 - 11 am completing Maths and English work. This content can be accessed by Google Classroom, Moodle or Microsoft Teams. Please look at the school website for further direction from each subject area.

Please note, this does not suggest students need to be 'glued' to the computer screen for two straight hours. Being in a home environment means students can break up their lesson with quick study breaks. A good example would be to complete approximately 40 minutes of Mathematics and seek a 10 to 20 minute break, followed by approximately 40 minutes of English work and an extended 'recess'. The reason being is that regular breaks from screens will help students refocus on their work, in turn increasing concentration levels.

Please note that there will be assessment tasks due during this time when most students are working from home. These tasks will be structured appropriately for our current educational situation. HSC teachers are all engaging with their students online and will be making phone calls where necessary. We ask that students do their best to submit tasks when due but please talk to your teacher if you need extra support or time.

Year 12

Regarding HSC major works, exams and assessment advice, please go to the NESA Covid-19 page at:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/novel-coronavirus>

This information will be regularly updated and the school will be following this advice.

Years 7-11

Additionally, some parents and students have expressed concerns over the 'assignments' being placed on Google classroom. Please don't confuse these 'assignments' for assessment tasks, as they most certainly are not. ALL formal assessment tasks for junior and Year 11 classes are on hold. This could change in future, however for now the word 'assignment' should only be seen as 'assigned work'. It's also important students check due dates. Some set work may have a full week before it is due, hence why, at first, it may feel overwhelming as they couldn't possibly finish it in an hour!

For student wellbeing support please access the on-line "Wellbeing Hub" developed by the Woolgoolga High School Wellbeing Team.

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/whs-wellbeinghub/home>

This can also be accessed through our school website.

Please feel free to respond or phone if you require further clarification or have any questions.

Kind Regards

Woolgoolga High School Wellbeing Team

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LEST WE FORGET

Around the world, ANZAC Day ceremonies, parades and traditions will look different this year. However, there are still many ways for you to remember the sacrifice of Australian and New Zealanders who have contributed and served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Ideally, we would love it if you went to the end of your driveway (or from your verandah) with a candle, lantern, torch or phone light, tuned into the ABC radio station and collectively listen to, and observe, the Anzac Day ceremony as a community. There have been a lot of social media posts asking Australians to do this and we feel it will be a very special occasion for students and their families to participate in and to show respect for our past and present serving defence force members.

HSIE have posted some great activities for students and their families to participate in and create. See your student's HSIE Google classroom for more details.

