

HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The NSW Premier today advised you to keep your children at home. We expect school attendance to decline significantly from today. The decision of an increasing number of families electing to keep their children at home has made it exceptionally difficult for teachers to run regular classes while attempting to meet the needs of learners from home.

We support parents/carers in their choice to keep their children at home and we believe an increasing number of parents will choose to do so. It is vital that our doors remain open for those parents who work in our health system, education system, emergency services and other essential workers and who need to be able to access suitable supervision of their child's learning on school sites.

Please note, that parents who opt for their child to study from home do so under the understanding that they will work remotely until school resumes. It is advised that all parents must notify the school that their child will be studying from home. Parents take responsibility for the supervision of their children and ensuring that classwork is completed while at home.

The school is committed to supporting your son's continuous education, as such we will move to a remote learning mode of delivery from Tuesday 24 March 2020, as per the NSW Department of Education recommendation for all schools. Information about learning from home can be found on the NSW Department of Education website via the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

Homebush Boys High School will remain open and we will provide supervision for students who attend the school. All students, whether at home or at school, will be expected to complete the same online learning content supplied by their teachers. There will be no normal timetabled lessons for at least the remainder of the term.

There may be occasions where students will need to attend school, even if they are studying at home: like completing a major work project for the HSC, or possibly collecting and delivering back study materials. This will be communicated to students through Email, online platforms or other methods where necessary.

Our school has been working hard to develop learning options for students to undertake from home. Students will be provided with work through various online platforms and it is vital that students regularly check their Department of Education Email and other online learning platforms every day.

Communication will be forwarded to you via Email at various times, please ensure that the school has your current Email and contact details. To update your details contact the school on 9764-3611.

Assessments

We anticipate that NESA will provide advice to schools regarding Assessments and this year's HSC on Tuesday 24 March 2020. At this stage the school has decided to continue Assessments for Years 11 and 12 pending further advice. Students in Years 11 and 12 are expected to attend school to complete their assessment task and then return home.

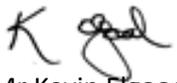
All formal examinations and school based practical assessment tasks for students in Years 7 to 10 will be postponed until further notice. Assessment task that can be completed online or submitted from home will continue as scheduled. Some assessment tasks may be modified for suitability for remote learning, in this case notification will be provided in advance.

Canteen

The canteen will provide limited service until the end of recess tomorrow, Tuesday 24 March 2020, and will be closed indefinitely after this.

Thank you for your on-going support and understanding. These are unprecedented circumstances, which continue to evolve. The health and safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to us. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school on 9764-3611.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Elgood', written in a cursive style.

Mr Kevin Elgood
Principal