



# MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## COVID-19 Update

Thank you all for your support during this challenging time. As a school we are strictly following the guidelines for hygiene and social distancing to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 virus. At this stage, schools will not be closing so it is important to stay calm and consistent with the messages going out to the community.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_9ZYJftAAo&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_9ZYJftAAo&feature=youtu.be)

Please see the link below for Mark Scott's (Secretary of the Dept of Education) interview with Kerry Chant (NSW Chief Health Officer).

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The important message is that we are going to be dealing with this virus for the next 6 months. As we come into the cold and flu season it is difficult to know whether we actually have the COVID-19 virus or we just have the cold or flu. As a safety precaution, please keep your children at home if they are unwell until all symptoms have ceased. Coughing, a runny nose, headaches, and fever can be symptoms of cold, flu and COVID-19.

We have decided to cancel the Parent/Teacher interviews that were scheduled for the next 2 weeks. A cancellation notification will be sent home later today. It is important to reassure your children that the COVID-19 virus is like having a cold or flu. They will recover and that it is important that we wash our hands and cover our noses and mouths if we cough or sneeze to stop the spread of the virus.

Tina Lee  
Principal  
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