



# Australian International School Papua New Guinea

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Good Morning All,

AISPNG is following carefully PNG government announcements on measures to be taken to avoid the spread of the Corona virus. At the moment there are *nil* confirmed cases of the virus reported in Papua New Guinea. We will keep following the news and look at measures taken in other countries where the virus has spread. AISPNG will of course do its part as and when needed to 'flatten the curve'.

To support working parents in these worrying times and without any reported cases in PNG, the school will stay open. If there are developments that require us to take mitigating measures, we will of course do so. This may include temporary closure of the school to support social distancing. For now; this is not needed.

What can we all do?

- Lets be well informed with medical facts (and not social media rumor). AISPNG follows the news carefully, domestically and overseas. (<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/coronavirus-school-update>)
- AISPNG will keep open lines of communication with the parent community via email / phone
- Even more so than usual, we urge parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell or have a cold.
- All teachers are made aware of the needs for extra (hand)sanitation for all staff and students.

Again, without infections in PNG, there is no immediate need to close our doors and we can continue to teach your children.

If you prefer to keep your child at home we do understand. Please notify us of this decision and we can support your child with extra schoolwork for home. All teachers will have access to their emails so if you have any questions on their school work please email your child's teacher.

We ask parents who do intend to take their children overseas for the term break to check quarantine measures of the destination country. (note e.g. Australia has issued a 14 day self-quarantine instruction for all incoming visitors). Upon your return, please self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school in Term 2.

We will keep updating parents on this issue.

Thanks,

Michelle