



COBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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We are a school community of responsible, respectful learners

We pay our respects to the Wangaaypuwan Ngiyampaa people on whose land we meet and learn

COVID-19 Update (11) - Notifying Student Absence - 28th April 2020

To our Cobar PS School Community,

Below is revised information for notifying the school of a student absence.

We are working now with updated Child Protection guidelines and must be able to account for the wellbeing of every student, every day.

Please respond each day by SMS only. Class Dojo should not be used for responses re absences.

- If a child is absent from school an SMS message will be sent out for **each day** of absence.
- Please reply with an SMS **each day**.
- If a child is absent and doing school work at home, **each day** please reply **WORKING** or **W**.
- If a child is absent and not doing work at home, **each day** please reply **NOT WORKING** or **NW**.
- If a child is absent and sick, **each day** please reply **SICK** or **S**.
- **If a child is absent and you do not reply the child will be marked as an UNJUSTIFIED ABSENCE and may lead to referral to the Child Wellbeing Unit and Home School Liaison Officer.**
- **Please respond by SMS only.**
- Even if you completed the **survey** we sent out yesterday you are required to notify the school of absences **each day**.

During this term we will not be able to take notifications of absence for multiple days. Please advise us **each day**.

Class Dojo can still be used for communication with teachers about school work, but not for absences.

We know that this might be a bit of pain, but we ask that you please understand we are working to guidelines from state office.

Continue to look out for each other and those we know might be vulnerable in our Cobar community.

Jonathan Harvey
Principal,
Cobar Public School
28th April 2020