



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families and Caregivers,

We have spoken with the Department for Education about the viability of continuing with our Canberra Trip in June and the outlook is not looking very bright. Currently the COVID-19 restrictions for interstate travel, advise schools against booking interstate camps due to the changing nature of border restrictions. After consultation with the Department for Education's COVID-19 Principal Safety Consultant we have been advised to proceed with an abundance of caution when thinking of undertaking any interstate travel. The risks and unpredictability of border closures could leave many staff, students and parent volunteers in a situation where they might have to quarantine for significant periods of time at personal expense. In addition, companies are not likely to issue a refund for cancellations, only a transfer to a different date if possible.

With these considerations in mind we have decided to cancel the Canberra trip and will be investigating opportunities that might replace it. These possibilities include camps that can be undertaken at a state level, excursions to local parliamentary buildings that can continue the Australian Curriculum focus on Civics and Citizenship, and days to celebrate the transitioning to High School.

We understand the disappointment that might come from not participating in the trip to Canberra, many other students experienced the same feelings in 2020. Last year was full of challenges and 2021 will continue to be unpredictable.

Our whole staff hope to make the most of the opportunities our community can provide for learning at Happy Valley Primary School this year and will continue to work with SA Health and DfE on providing safe environments for everyone.

For those families who have paid a deposit or have an established payment plan, please contact our Finance Officer Jo Aylmore to organise a refund.

Regards

Paul Taylor and Anthea Bartlett



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