

Dear caregivers,

There are fewer students attending school, and so we are examining ways to keep the canteen open as well as maintaining the safety of staff and students during this coronavirus outbreak.

Our canteen is still one location in the school where food is handed over and cash and change are passed backwards and forwards and so it is quite difficult to have the 1.5m distancing of students and canteen staff. While we want the canteen to stay open and continue to provide food and drink to our students and staff, we also want to reduce the chances of coronavirus transmission further.

We have already installed both a hand-sanitizing station as well as hand-washing facilities for students to use before they enter the canteen, and we have installed an EFTPOS facility. But there is still a large line-up and still a lot of coin and notes being used. So, we have looked into ways to reduce the amount of small, non-food, transactions happening in the canteen. This will certainly reduce the issues given above.

Our canteen will have to reduce the types and amounts of items for sale anyway, because of the reduced number of students. We will start by cutting out many of the non-food items in the Red Category in the Education department policy on Healthy Eating (Right Bite, Easy Guide to Healthy Foods and Drink Supply for South Australian Schools and Preschools).

Starting from next week from Tuesday 31 March the following items will no longer be served from the canteen;

- All confectionary items
- All snack foods – crisps, chips, biscuits, snack bars and similar
- All ice-creams, icy poles etc
- All soft-drinks, flavoured waters and fruit drinks
- All cakes, slices etc

The canteen will continue to sell a selection of nutritious hot foods, sandwiches, dairy foods and drinks, and water. The canteen will continue to accept cash but, if a student has a card, we would prefer EFTPOS to reduce handling.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to promote the safety of students and staff at our school.