



Our students need YOUR support!

Pormpur Paanthu, in conjunction with Pormpuraaw State School and Shire Council, are doing their best to support high school students who have not yet returned to school – but they need the support of parents and carers and have written in a joint letter to the community to explain why.

“All students are now back in school except those in the Cape,” they wrote.

“Due to location, and the biosecurity laws, our boarding students are now falling behind their classmates.

“They will continue to do so if they are not completing and submitting their schoolwork, either at home or in a community venue.

“In addition, now that all the students in Queensland are back in classrooms with compulsory attendance, there may be consequences for students who do not

attend one of the spaces.”

Despite not having any provision in staff or resources, the State School has committed to providing support and options for high school students.

“Ms Rachel is in daily communication with all High Schools,” the letter said.

“Records of completed work and attendance are returned back to schools.

“If students are not engaging with their respective schoolwork, schools may take action and remove access to schooling altogether.”

PPAC has offered staff and the Youth Centre (Corner Shed) to support the School program.

“Staff are providing supervision, lunch, transport when required and snacks,” they said.

“They have Wi-Fi and learning resources available to students.

“As well as this, they are doing home visits, calls and family support to engage our young people.”

A community meeting has been called for 11.30am TOMORROW, Tuesday 2 June, at the Justice Centre to discuss.



The Queensland Government recognises the critical role the domestic and family violence sector plays in keeping vulnerable Queenslanders safe in our communities, as well as the impact of any potential outbreak of Covid-19 for sector staff and clients. The health and safety of all Queenslanders is our top priority, and preventing the spread of this virus is something that the Queensland Government takes very seriously.

For the latest information regarding Covid-19 visit <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus>.

“We apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians. We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.”

Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd, National Apology to Indigenous Peoples, 13 February 2008



The (art) show will go on!

CIAF 2020 – The Cultural Evolution will be officially rolled out through a series of live stream presentations, performances, webinars, workshops, community spotlights, virtual gallery exhibitions and conversations from Friday 14 August to Sunday 23 August 2020.

“Pormpuraaw sculptures and wearable sculptures inspired by Lady GaGa will be the subject of a dance and fashion show performance to be held on a Cairns Beach,” Pormpuraaw Art Centre manager Paul Jakubowski said. “The film production will be used as part of the Cairns Indigenous Virtual Art Fair.

“The corona virus has forced the normal venue to cancel.

“This is the first type ever to be held and Pormpuraaw is a key player.”

He said they would sell their paintings, prints and sculptures online.

“Our centre is having to adapt and find new ways to display and sell works,” he said.

“Our centre is strong and well run, we are adapting and will thrive.”



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A lucky number will be drawn at the end of this week by our CEQ Store Manager and the winner will be announced in the next PPAC News Week. The money we raise will be used to buy snacks and nappies for our LDC children.



Who to call and when...

If the situation is serious and urgent call our local Police on **4060 4004** or **000**.

Community members can remain anonymous when reporting illicit activity by calling the 'sly grog' hotline on **1800 500 815**.

To report other crime anonymously call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

For non-urgent incidents, crimes or police inquiries call Police Link on **131 444**.

Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation: current situation under Covid-19

Healing Centre

Counselling continues to be delivered face to face from the Healing Centre. Telephone counselling is also being offered to clients. DV prevention month is progressing well with social distancing.

Family Wellbeing

FWB service continues to provide face to face support in the office.

FWB continue to provide home visits (maintaining recommended social distancing requirements) to families which cannot travel to the service.

Men's Support

All Men's Support group activates and Men's Group meetings are limited to 20 people or less.

Night Patrol is still operating, however, transport will only provided for clients being transported to the Women's Shelter.

Youth Centre

Open for students to do online studies (for educational purposes only).

Playgroup

Playgroup is allowed for a group of 20 people or less, including children and parents.

Women's Shelter

Supported Crisis accommodation is still being delivered. Centre-based support (case management) limited to 20 people or less. Women's Group activities limited to 10 people or less.

Early Childhood

(Long Day Care & Outside School Hours Care)

The Australian Government's Department of Education, Skills & Employment has advised all Early Childhood Education and Care services are to remain open during Covid-19.

Services are required to:

- stay open unless closed on public health advice or for other health and safety reasons
- ensure families are not charged a fee, including an out of pocket or gap* fee
- prioritise care to essential workers, vulnerable and disadvantaged children and previously enrolled children
- continue to record attendance of children
- comply with all other provider obligations including National Quality Framework and other relevant conditions of approval under Family Assistance Law.

If families have ceased their enrolment they should re-enrol so they can keep their Child Care Subsidy (CCS) eligibility and subsidies will flow as usual.



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