



COVID-19 update

The health and safety of staff and clients is our top priority

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Working at home with children?

Managing your workday from home can be challenging even without the added responsibility of caring for children. Professor Mark Dadds, Director of the Sydney Child Behaviour Research Clinic has released some helpful tips to help you survive. Read the [full article](#).

Tips for surviving extended home stay with children

-  Divide your home up: quiet/noisy/school
-  Make a loose schedule for the AM and PM
-  Plan rewards/discipline to manage behaviour
-  Hold a family meeting to brainstorm and decide on the points 1, 2 and 3 above
-  Schedule in 30 minutes of one-on-one time with each child individually
-  Don't referee children's fights
-  Re-discover the love and remember why you wanted a family in the first place!

*Professor Mark Dadds, University of Sydney

Home schooling update

A third of our workforce has school-aged children, so Monday's announcement by the Premier and Education Minister on Queensland's home-based learning model will have a big impact.

We are working with the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Office of Industrial Relations. We will share advice when we receive it.

If you have school-aged children

The [24 March COVID-19 Carer's Update](#) encouraged staff to start talking with their People Leaders on how to manage work arrangements according to individual circumstances.

As schools are approaching how they will deliver home-based learning, please have a discussion with your People Leader so they are aware of your circumstances, including:

- the ages and number of children in your household
- what other parental support is available to assist with home-based learning requirements
- any advice you're receiving from your schools, such as:
 - the amount of time required for home-based learning for each child (understanding that this varies from school to school and for the year level),
 - the amount of parental guidance expected,
 - the school's expectations of who is allowed to attend school (such as a letter from your employer outlining that you are an essential worker)
 - whether you think you will be able to work (partially, fully, or not at all) while supervising home-based learning/your children.

We will provide further advice as soon as we receive it.

If you are a People Leader

We ask that all People Leaders keep their Executive informed of any individual employee concerns.

Continue to be flexible and supportive toward your staff with carer's responsibilities. You can approve for your staff to work flexible hours such as accruing time to take a day off, or working a combination of longer and shorter days.

Employee wellness survey

Look out for an Employee Wellness Survey in your inbox tomorrow. All staff are encouraged to complete it.

Caring for our Collections

Tomorrow, Preservation Services staff will visit South Bank to undertake a 'wellness check' on the collections and building. Staff will monitor for any pest outbreaks and will complete a full check on the exhibition spaces and repositories. Checks will continue fortnightly and will also include visits to Cannon Hill.