



## Peninsula Gymnastics - Update on COVID-19 - 18/03/2020

To our valued families,

We wanted to touch base with you again, we know that the current health climate is changing daily and we want to assure you that we are keeping in touch with the relevant health, government and sporting bodies to ensure that we are acting within the guidelines of best practices. Currently the advice through [Gymnastics Victoria](#) and the [Department of Health](#) is that we can continue to run our classes and provide participants with a physical and psychological outlet, and maintain some normality in their daily routines. Even at full capacity, we never have numbers anywhere near the inside gatherings of 100, that is being currently advised as the limit.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who is supporting us, by staying enrolled, sending emails and touching base to see how we are going. We are a small family run business, who employ 22 people who rely on us for their family income to pay their own mortgages and bills. It weighs very heavily on us to balance the needs of our extended community and look after our staff, who we think of as our own family.

We encourage you, if you are in the position to remain enrolled, please do so. We are automatically generating make-up tokens for any missed lessons since Friday 13th March. We are removing expiry dates on these and will be looking at ways to increase the value for our loyal families later in the year. You can expect initiatives like additional classes on the timetable to accommodate make-ups, classes through scheduled breaks, kids nights in and Ninja nights. Our staff are amazingly creative and resourceful and I'm sure you'll see lots of fun ideas that will benefit your family and keep you connected to the wonderful Peninsula Gymnastics community.

We are facing an unprecedented event due to the pandemic. The world is facing challenges that we haven't seen in our lifetime and certainly haven't faced in business. The current climate is very unstable and emotional. People are worried for their families and doing the best they can, and we of course support any decisions that families are making. As we haven't experienced these events before, we are in uncharted waters. We are working on our communication to



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families, changing policies, implementing best hygiene practices and following the advice given from authorities.

We have already seen a considerable amount of parents choosing to drop their enrolment due to personal family circumstances, and also while they see how this pandemic progresses within our area and our country. Make no mistake this is having a huge effect on our small business. Our number one priority is to our families, participants and staff health and wellbeing. We also need to position the business to be able to withstand a closure for a period of time (and have a facility for our participants to return to), should that be directed by the authorities.

In the meantime, we are continuing to use best hygiene practices, encouraging coaches and students to wash and sanitize hands and of course if you are unwell, please do not attend our facility. It is OK to miss your gymnastics lesson. We have added a tab to our website with updated health information and frequently asked questions which we encourage you to familiarise yourself with.

We thank you for your understanding through this time and your loyalty. We live in a beautiful community and we will get through this together.

Be kind to each other,

Bec and Tim