

30 January 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As outlined in our communication to the community on 28 January 2020, the health and well-being of our community remains our highest priority. As stated, we are committed to closely monitoring this situation and reviewing the latest government-provided information and thus now seek to update our community.

The College has revised its position to ensure compliance and consistency with the latest advice and overnight (29 January 2020), the Queensland government updated its advice and guidelines to include mainland Hong Kong as one of the travel areas impacted by the Novel coronavirus.

As a result, the College is now seeking your co-operation by complying with the following protocols. This applies to all members of our community.

If you have been –

- travelling through mainland China or mainland Hong Kong since 10 January 2020, or
- in contact with persons who have travelled to mainland China or mainland Hong Kong since 10 January 2020, or
- in contact with any persons with confirmed novel coronavirus, or
- in contact with any persons displaying symptoms,

we ask that the person affected remain at home for at least 14 days from the date of leaving these travel areas or having contact with these persons. This is the case regardless of whether you are displaying symptoms and is a precautionary measure to safeguard you and the College community.

If you have not visited mainland China or mainland Hong Kong and show no symptoms, you should feel confident to send your child to school unless they have any of the above symptoms, in which case, as with other viruses, you should keep your child at home until the symptoms have cleared.

If a student presents unwell at the College with symptoms of the virus, the student will be cared for separately and the parent/caregiver will be contacted to take the child home and to their general medical practitioner immediately. In the first instance they are advised to phone the health service prior to any attendance so that any appropriate precautionary measures can be taken regarding treatment. The College has instigated a series of management controls to minimise the impact on the College Community in the unlikely event of this occurrence.

As a reminder, it is important that all persons should be alert for symptoms including fever, a cough, shortness of breath, rapid breathing, a sore throat, or a runny nose. Please visit your local general medical practitioner if these symptoms are present.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College via the relevant Head of School if you have any concerns or questions.

As outlined previously, the information in relation to this current public health situation is evolving and the Colleges will continue to monitor this information and update the community via email. If you have any questions, the following websites provide regular updates on the virus or you can contact your general medical practitioner directly.

Qld Health - Important Update for Education Services
Australian Department of Education - Novel coronavirus
Australian Government Department of Health – Information about Novel coronavirus
Queensland Government – Novel coronavirus
Qld Department of Education - Novel coronavirus advice

These protocols have been established to safeguard and protect the well-being of our community. Thank you for your support and assistance in continuing to keep our community safe.

Kind regards,



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