

19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We write to update you further on the Colleges ongoing response to COVID-19.

The Colleges continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and take advice from the Australian Government and Queensland Health in relation to this matter. Containment continues to be the focus and the following measures have been taken at the Colleges:

- Continued reinforcement of good hygiene, particularly the use of soap and hand sanitiser and appropriate cough and sneeze protocols.
- Social distancing strategies including gathering in small groups and the cancellation of large assemblies.
- Increased cleaning protocols.
- Cancellation / postponement of a number of events and activities including Chapels and assemblies.

To assist us, we ask all families to pay extra attention to health and hygiene measures employed at home with your children and if your children are unwell or show symptoms of illness, they should not attend school.

At this time the advice is for schools to remain open, unless a confirmed COVID-19 case is identified. Independent Schools Queensland have received a letter from the Chief Medical Officer for Queensland that affirms this position, and this continues to be the advice from the Australian Government. A link to the statement from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) on 17 March 2020 can be found [here](#) and the letter from the Chief Medical Officer can be found [here](#).

The Colleges have detailed plans in place in the event of a school closure and our dedicated teaching staff continue to further plans for learning from home as they prioritise the continuation of classroom teaching for the remainder of this term. You have received communication this week, providing information on at home learning expectations and guidelines in the event of a closure. This information can be found on our websites on the COVID-19 page:

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The health and wellbeing of our students remains a priority and we would ask that we work together to be vigilant with respect to your child's/children's response to this ongoing situation. Children can have a range of emotional reactions during an event like this and, as always, the support of our Teachers, Pastoral Leaders and College counsellors is available. Useful information and resources are also available on our websites under the COVID-19 Action Plan page (linked above).

Kind regards,



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