



From the Principal

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UPDATE 4 - Novel Coronavirus - 2019-nCov

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing to further update you on the Novel Coronavirus.

As you would be aware, the Australian Government has announced new measures that specifically address travel restrictions from mainland China.

While there remains a very low risk of transmission in Australia, these preventative measures are being instigated in the interest of public health.

As always, the health and wellbeing of our students remains our number one priority and I would ask that you remain alert to your child's/children's wellbeing during this time. Children can have a range of reactions during an event like this and, as always, teacher and counselling support is available.

Our three boarding students, who are from China, are not attending school and are not in the boarding house. They are located in a temporary isolated facility on campus. These students are not from Hubei Province. They continue to be monitored and they have not shown any signs or symptoms. This is a worrying time for these three boys and our staff are providing them with excellent care and support in what is an extraordinary situation.

We continue to take advice from Queensland Health and the Department of Education in relation to this matter and the latest information is available at [Novel Coronavirus](#) on the Queensland Health website. This update serves as another reminder for the need for all of us to follow good hygiene practices.

Queensland had already announced and enacted restrictions last week for travellers who had visited China (including Hong Kong), and I reiterate this earlier advice from our health agencies, which remains current:

- anyone who has been in contact with any confirmed Novel Coronavirus cases must self-isolate (self-isolation means staying at home and not accepting visitors) for 14 days following exposure;
- travellers who have visited Hubei Province of China need to self-isolate for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province (noting that the Australian Government has announced this now applies to all of mainland China as explained above);
- returned travellers who have visited China cannot attend school, childcare or TAFE for 14 days after leaving China including Hong Kong.

Again, thank you for your understanding and attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Fullagar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Fullagar
Principal