



From the Principal

6 March 2020

UPDATE 5 - Novel Coronavirus COVID-19

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing to update you regarding the College's response to the further developments concerning novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

College response as at 6 March 2020

Currently, educational authorities in partnership with the State government and health department are assessing the present situation as well as planning for possible future scenarios. More information and directions are expected to be communicated with schools next week.

At Nudgee College, we are developing a management plan and considering a range of contingencies. In practical terms, we have increased access to hand sanitiser and displayed posters around campus to remind students of effective hygiene practices. Our boarding community has been a particular focus in this regard.

There continues to be no impact upon any of our day-to-day school operations and I want to reassure you that we will continue to work to ensure any disruption is minimised.

Current Australian Government travel restrictions

The Australian Government continues to announce new measures that specifically address overseas travel restrictions.

The Government announced on 5 March 2020 that travel restrictions will be introduced for travellers arriving from the Republic of Korea and maintained for travellers arriving from any part of mainland China or Iran.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has raised its travel advisories for the following countries:

- China – do not travel
- Iran – do not travel
- Daegu, Republic of Korea – do not travel

Foreign nationals (excluding permanent residents of Australia) who have been in the following countries will not be allowed to enter Australia for 14 days from the time they have left or transited through:

- mainland China
- Iran
- The Republic of Korea.

Australian citizens and permanent residents will still be able to enter, as will their immediate family members (spouses, legal guardians or dependants only). They will be required to self-isolate at home for 14 days from the day they left China, Iran or the Republic of Korea.

In addition, travellers from Italy will be subject to enhanced border screening processes.

Australia will deny entry to anyone who has left or transited a country subject to travel restrictions within the previous 14 days, with the exception of:

- Australian citizens
- permanent residents
- New Zealand citizens resident in Australia
- immediate family members of Australian citizens and permanent residents including spouses, minor dependants and legal guardians
- diplomats.

These enhanced public safety measures will apply to those seeking to enter Australia as well as those seeking to transit through Australia en route to another country. These measures are temporary and will be reviewed. These are important preventative measures that have been put in place in the interests of public health. Anyone who has completed the self-quarantine period of 14 days and shows no symptoms of illness is eligible to return to work or school.

General information about COVID-19

The Australian Government Department of Health is working across agencies and with states and territories to implement measures to manage the risk of COVID-19. For the latest information see the [Department of Health - Novel coronavirus](#). For advice on travelling outside of Australia see [Smart Traveller](#).

I would remind you that if your son is unwell or showing symptoms of illness, he should be seen by a doctor.

The College continues 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.

Please be assured that the health and wellbeing of our students and staff remains the College's number one priority. If you have any questions please send them to contact@nudgee.qld.edu.au

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

Yours sincerely,



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