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From the Office of the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Pre-emptive Planning - Coronavirus

In light of preparing our College community for the potential impact of the Coronavirus, planning is currently underway to ensure we:

- lessen the potential spread of the virus should a staff member or student present with symptoms;
- communicate with our parents to ensure they are kept informed in the potential event of,
 - suspected or confirmed Coronavirus cases connected with members of our community and
 - short or long term school closures; and
- have the capability to deliver courses online in the event of a long term school closure.

The College will continue to ensure that any action taken in response to a suspected or positive Coronavirus case amongst school staff or students is aligned to state and federal public health advice and directives from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office.

As you can imagine, planning for unprecedented events is significant and challenging, however we are doing our utmost to ensure that we can enact a management plan that covers all scenarios to the best of our ability should the need arise.

We will continue to communicate with our parent community in regards to any developments and I emphasise the importance of regularly checking your emails and the College Instagram and Facebook pages to ensure you receive any important updates. In addition, you can refer to the College website (www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/health) where we will shortly commence uploading copies of any letters that may need to be sent in relation to this matter.

We acknowledge we have a very limited number of parents who do not have email/internet access and we have plans in place to ensure that these parents receive the same communication.



We kindly ask parents and guardians to assist with the following:

- Keep children home from school when they exhibit cold and flu like symptoms.
- Discuss the recommended strategies with your child to prevent the spread of infection, as previously communicated in the letter emailed Thursday, the 12th March.
- Provide small bottles of antibacterial hand sanitiser to children for their use throughout the day. Please note that due to an extreme shortage of hand sanitiser, we are currently having difficulty sourcing supplies and therefore providing this to your child is very helpful.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Daley', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Mr Tony Daley
Principal

