



St Patrick's College
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From the Office of the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

As members of our close College community, some of you may be aware that a family connected with students at the College had recently been advised to be placed in a temporary precautionary medical quarantine whilst one member of the family was tested for the Coronavirus. I am pleased to advise we have received confirmation that the family member connected with these students **does not have the Coronavirus**.

Whilst this is a positive outcome, it has also been an opportunity for the College to trial run a response to any future suspected or positive cases should it impact members of the College community. Any action taken in response to a suspected or positive Coronavirus case amongst school staff or students will be aligned to Public Health advice and education sector agreed protocols.

As a College community we will continue to be vigilant regarding the spread of Coronavirus and other respiratory infections and viruses such as cold and flu that tend to circulate at this time of the year.

In addition, we kindly ask parents and guardians to assist by keeping children home from school when they exhibit cold and flu like symptoms. We also request parents provide small bottles of antibacterial hand sanitiser to children for their use throughout the day when hand washing is not possible. Hand sanitiser is available by request from teachers in classrooms, however a small travel bottle is ideal for use by children at other times.

Please discuss the following recommended strategies with your child to prevent the spread of infection:

- Correct and frequent hand washing techniques including the use of antibacterial soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Refrain from touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover the mouth with the inside of the elbow and immediately throw away any used tissues and wash hands.

Please view the below link to the School TV Coronavirus special report which provides some very useful information to assist parents and guardians.

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Mr Tony Daley
Principal

