



COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

This letter is to provide an update about procedures for managing the health and wellbeing of students as the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation unfolds.

Please be assured that the Federal Government's most recent advice prohibiting non-essential planned, mass gatherings does not apply to schools. The Premier of NSW confirmed this position in the media this afternoon. Schools will remain open.

The following exclusions from school are currently in place:

- Students or staff who have travelled through **mainland China** within the last 14 days are excluded from school
- Students or staff who have travelled through **Iran** within the last 14 days commencing, 1 March 2020, are excluded from school
- Students or staff who have travelled through the **Republic of Korea (South Korea)** within the last 14 days, commencing 5 March 2020, are excluded from school
- Students or staff who have travelled through **Italy** within the last 14 days, commencing 11 March 2020, are excluded from school
- Students or staff who have been **diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus** are excluded from school
- Students or staff who have had **close contact with a confirmed case** of COVID-19 infection are excluded from school

These exclusions are important for the ongoing health and wellbeing of all members of the school community and are being consistently applied across the state.

The school has implemented enhanced infection control procedures, including:

- New foaming soap dispensers installed in all bathrooms
- Students being reminded regularly to wash hands for 20 seconds before eating and after play
- Ready supply of tissues and encouraging students to use them and dispose of used tissues
- Students who present with cold or flu-like symptoms are being sent home from school

Although regular attendance at school is critical for a positive educational experience, the current health situation demands this response. Parents and carers who are unsure about whether their child should attend school are encouraged to contact me.

Students who remain at home who are neither sick nor in one of the exclusion categories will be marked on the attendance register as explained but unjustified. The school remains a safe environment for all.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

Tom Moth
Principal
13 March 2020

