



10 March 2020

## **Important update from the Principal**

Dear Parents

### **Novel Coronavirus COVID-19**

The School continues to work closely with AISNSW and to follow the advice of NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education.

Please note the following important information and update regarding COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus).

As at 6 March 2020, COVID-19 is still being contained by NSW Health through early identification of cases and implementation of exclusion strategies for confirmed cases. The School is receiving regular updates from the NSW Health and NSW Department of Education through AISNSW.

As at 6 March 2020, it is recommended by NSW Health that individuals with cold or flu-like symptoms are not to attend school and be tested for COVID-19. If tested positive for COVID-19, individuals are to be isolated in accordance with NSW Health requirements. Individuals who are in close contact of confirmed cases of COVID-19 are also to be isolated in accordance with NSW Health requirements.

People with Coronavirus may experience:

- fever
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat, runny nose and fatigue
- shortness of breath

As at 6 March 2020, NSW Health advises that the risk of exposure to COVID-19 is believed to be highest for those people who have travelled through mainland China, Iran or the Republic of Korea. Individuals arriving from these countries are required to self-isolate for 14 days.

In addition, people who have been to one of the other countries at risk of COVID-19 listed below are also at risk of exposure to COVID-19:

- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Japan
- Thailand
- Singapore

If students or staff have travelled (including transit) through any of the above countries at risk of COVID-19 in the past 14 days, schools and families should closely monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Note however that self isolation for those that have visited these countries is currently not recommended by NSW Health.

I want to stress the importance of remaining calm as we work through the current and emerging situation with COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus).

We are increasing the emphasis of good hygiene practice at School and ask that you also follow whist at home.

In particular our emphasis on thorough and frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and sneezing or coughing into your elbow or arm.

[Wash Your Hands - Poster 1](#)

[Wash Your Hands - Poster 2](#)

[Protect Others From Getting Sick - Poster 3](#)

[Protect Others From Getting Sick - Poster 4](#)

In closing I want to reiterate that as an immediate priority NSW Health recommends that schools isolate and send home any student or staff member who has cold or flu-like symptoms. Where in previous years some individuals may have attended school when they were less than well, any individual demonstrating contagious symptoms should not attend school.

Further, it is recommended by NSW Health that individuals with cold or flu-like symptoms are not to attend school and to be tested for COVID-19.

Please support the School as we implement the next stage of the containment phase of COVID-19.

Please contact the Deputy Principal or your Head of SubSchool if you have any questions.

Kind regards



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Principal