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Essential Update of Information about Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

The health and wellbeing of our community is of crucial importance to us. The situation regarding the Coronavirus continues to evolve and, although there is much uncertainty around this at present, I would like to reassure you that the School is committed to doing all that it can to reduce the risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) entering our School or being passed on within our community. We can only do this with your full support and cooperation and that of everyone else in the community.

The worldwide and Australian situation regarding the spread of this virus is changing daily, and as NSW has now experienced person to person transmission of this disease, the utmost vigilance to mitigate its spread must be followed.

- Should your child have any illness, he/she must not come to school. If he/she is present at school and is ill, you will be asked to come and collect your child.
- Students, staff and parents are asked to maintain strict hygiene practices. Handwashing, sneezing and coughing into tissues that should be discarded immediately and properly, are crucial.

The School will continue to follow advice for schools from the Australian and New South Wales governments. You can access Australian Government advice at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>.

If you scroll down the page you will find a heading '**For parents of school-aged children**'. Click on the link below the heading for an update with information for schools, early childhood centres, students and parents. It provides general information and responses to key questions.

To help minimise any spread of illness, no student, parent/caregiver or staff member is to attend the School if they are unwell with symptoms consistent with coronavirus.

If a student or staff member becomes unwell at the School, they will be isolated and required to leave as soon as possible.

Parents/caregivers must not send children to the School if they are unwell with symptoms consistent with coronavirus.

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We request that you immediately advise the School if your child or a close family member has symptoms consistent with the coronavirus. Should you or your child display symptoms consistent with coronavirus I ask that you contact your doctor or local hospital.

Please reinforce these hygiene practices at home. Information on hygiene practices is at this NSW Health link:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/novel-coronavirus.aspx>

The School will continue to scrutinise and monitor practices such as cleaning and sharing of equipment to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

The Health Department has updated traveller restrictions; all returnees from mainland China and Iran must isolate themselves for 14 days. Those returning from South Korea on or after 5th March must also isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of return.

Finally, the School is preparing plans to continue to engage with our students during any prolonged period of absence.

We will keep you informed. If, in the meantime, you have any questions or comments, please contact the Administration Office of your campus.

The safety and wellbeing of every member of our community is always at the forefront of what we do, and it is important that we are prepared, but not alarmed.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding of this evolving situation.

Yours sincerely,

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