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ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Dear Assumption College families,

RE: UPDATE CONCERNING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND COLLEGE IMPLICATIONS

I think it timely to provide you with an update on our monitoring and decision making in regards to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The College is regularly checking the Australian Government Department of Health website for the latest news and monitoring other updates about the Coronavirus. The Government has recently released a detailed 56 page report that can be accessed at: www.health.gov.au

We have reminded students about personal hygiene practices that assist in keeping us all healthy and placed posters reinforcing these messages around the College. As always, we urge our families to monitor the health of their children and avoid sending them to school if they are showing signs of respiratory infection, fever, cough, shortness of breath or have any breathing difficulties. Following state guidelines, if you or your child contracts coronavirus (COVID-19) or comes in direct contact with a confirmed case, please inform the College as soon as possible.

We will continue to take advice from official government authorities, and in the unlikely event of a school closure, we believe that our SIMON learning management system coupled with Google Classroom and WEBEX online conferencing tools will provide us with a platform to assist with the provision of some meaningful curriculum resources remotely. We have additional processes in place for suspected cases in the boarding houses relative to the day school, and have plans ready to action should it look like a student or staff member in either the day or boarding school has contracted the virus. Moreover, the College has several overseas school trips planned later in the year that, on the advice of Marist Schools Australia, have currently been placed on hold or cancelled.

In regard to travel, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has raised the level of advice for several countries, and Australians travelling overseas are encouraged to review the smart traveller website at <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/>. This website is updated regularly and will provide you with advice about any travel you have planned for the coming school holidays, as it may have implications for returning to Australia and/or enacting a 14-day isolation period.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to ensure the safety of our Assumption College families and our community.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Fogarty
Principal

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