

App and Email Communication:

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Coronavirus Update 9 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will all be very aware, the Coronavirus is continuing to have an impact upon the wider community. The College continues to carefully watch the Department of Health updates to ensure we are following its guidelines to protect the health of all community members. As a community, it is important that we are alert to these matters but certainly not alarmed.

Please be aware of the following updates with regards to our College protocols and procedures:

Department of Health Update

The Australian Government recently announced that Coronavirus travel restrictions have been extended as follows:

- **High risk countries:** Mainland China, Iran, Italy, South Korea
- **Moderate risk countries:** Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore and Thailand

The protocols in place for all families travelling overseas at this time are:

- **If you have been in or transited through one of the high risk countries:**
 - Self-quarantine for 14 days from date of departure from a high risk country.
 - If you begin to feel unwell and develop a fever or shortness of breath, cough or respiratory illness during your period of self-quarantine, you should seek immediate medical attention. Please call ahead to your GP or emergency department and mention your travel history before you arrive.
 - If you experience any other symptom during your period of self-quarantine, you should also seek immediate medical attention. Again, please call ahead to your GP or emergency department and mention your travel history before you arrive.
- **If you have been in close contact with someone who already has Novel Coronavirus:**
 - You need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the confirmed case.
 - If you begin to feel unwell and develop a fever or shortness of breath, cough or respiratory illness during your period of self-quarantine, you should seek immediate medical attention. Please call ahead to your GP or emergency department and mention you've been in contact with someone with Novel Coronavirus infection before you arrive.
 - If you experience any other symptoms or illness, perhaps due to chronic disease, during your period of self-quarantine you should also seek immediate medical attention. Call ahead to your GP or emergency department and mention you've been in contact with someone with Novel Coronavirus infection before you arrive.
- **For further health advice please visit the Department of Health [website](#).**

Internal Protocols the College will be undertaking:

- A large number of hand sanitiser stations are located around the College and the students will be encouraged to use hand sanitiser or wash their hands, particularly before eating.
- All students coming to First Aid with cold or flu like symptoms will have their temperature taken. If their temperature is considered to be in the higher than normal range, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child. In this case, we would ask parents to keep their child at home until they are well.
- If your child is unwell and you are at all concerned, please keep them home and seek medical advice.

Camps and Excursions

- The College will increase our protocols around Risk Assessments with the Coronavirus in mind for all camps and excursions.
- Year 10 camp to Mt Bornhoffen in Week 10 of this term, will continue as scheduled. If your child has flu like symptoms and/or a temperature, we would ask them not to attend.

Term 1 / Easter Holidays

- It is our understanding that should we have a confirmed case of Coronavirus within the College, Queensland Health would ask the school to close. Therefore, we would ask all families travelling overseas to please communicate with the College as to which countries you are visiting or passing through. Email community.health@genesis.qld.edu.au
- Please also communicate with the College regarding the health of your family upon return.
- If necessary, we will work together on how to support your family through any periods of self-quarantine with delivering school work to your student.
- If you have visitors staying with you from overseas, we would ask you to alert us via email, including the country they are from and have visited.

Overseas College Trips

- The College is continuing to monitor the smart traveller website for updates - www.smartraveller.gov.au.
- Our travel insurance policy will only refund an overseas trip if the Government declares a 'Do not Travel' to that particular country
- Unfortunately, there are no refunds on overseas trips unless our travel insurance is activated
- At this point in time all overseas trips are proceeding unless the country is declared as 'Do not Travel'

Thank you for your support with this most important matter. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours sincerely
Senior Leadership Team