



St Mary MacKillop College

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Dear Parents, Students and Guardians,

16 March 2020

While there are undoubtedly challenges ahead for us all in the coming weeks, the College is looking to do all we can to support your son's and daughter's education and continue to provide a safe and caring environment. As the situation around the outbreak of COVID-19 continues to develop, I wanted to share with you some of the important steps the College is taking to minimise any exposure risks within the College community.

We are actively following all health and travel advice issued by the Australian Government, and accordingly advise that all students, staff, parents, contractors and school visitors who return from international travel as of 9pm (WST) on Sunday 15 March must self-isolate for 14 days.

We are taking extra steps to ensure the safety of students and staff by suspending non-essential large gatherings including:

- Assemblies and large format masses and liturgies
- Homework classes outside of school hours
- Whole school or campus masses and liturgies
- Inter-school Swimming Carnivals
- The upcoming College Production of Aladdin (all ticket holders will be contacted and refunds issued)
- Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled for Wednesday 8 April. This will now be a normal school day where students attend classes. Further information will be sent to you about alternative avenues to discuss your child's academic progress.

Other measures we are taking to protect our students and staff include:

- Changes to some classroom, lunchtime and bus procedures to provide sensible social distancing of students and individual use of materials
- Increased and continued reinforcement of appropriate hygiene procedures to students and staff
- Additional cleaning of surfaces and facilities arranged with cleaning contractors.

Your child's continued education is always of utmost importance and I am pleased to advise that all staff are putting in extra work to ensure that, should a temporary closure become necessary, we will be able continue to deliver essential teaching and learning.

I appreciate your ongoing support and efforts to help contain and slow the spread of COVID-19 and ask that if your child is sick, please keep them at home until they are well. I will continue to update you as decisions or new information is provided to us.

Regards

Frank Norton
PRINCIPAL