



Sydney Catholic Schools

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you regarding the precautionary planning measures Sydney Catholic Schools are undertaking in relation to the management of risk posed by the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Firstly, I would like to reassure all families that the health and safety of staff and students are always our priority. We are monitoring the information provided by NSW Health and Catholic Schools NSW, and are regularly assessing our risk mitigation strategies to ensure we have contingencies in place for the protection of everyone in our school communities.

Schools are operating as usual with increased vigilance around hygiene, handwashing and protocols to prevent the spread of cold and flu. We ask all families to be conscious of the health of others and refrain from attending school if unwell.

As we head toward the school holiday period, we appreciate that many of you may be finalising holiday and travel plans. I ask that all families follow the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) advice in relation to travel. You can find further details on this by accessing the [smartraveller website here](#). Should students travel to an area where the DFAT advice is not to travel, the school will require the student to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return to Australia. As you know, the advice is changing as the impact of the virus continues to change. It is therefore important that you monitor for updates while you are overseas, as there is a risk the advice will change during this time.

We will continue to be in communication with you as circumstances change and needs arise.

Yours sincerely,

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