



March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**1. International travel:**

We have requested families to reconsider any planned travel to at risk countries in the April term break. Please be aware that if you visit or transit through any high risk location you and your child/ren will be required to self-isolate for up to 14 days on your return. DFAT advice on which countries are high risk may well change over the coming weeks. Many companies are including the June/July holiday in their advice as that is winter for us and there is expectation we will see the spike in cases at that time.

**2. Interschool events cancelled:**

In order to limit potential contacts between students we will not be participating in any inter-school events for high school students such as ISD carnivals or HSC Study Days. This advice will apply for the remainder of Term 1 and will be reviewed before commencement of Term 2.

**3. School events:**

School events will continue to run as per usual. The Jazz Café next Wednesday evening will run, though parents showing any illness symptoms will be asked not to attend. The Year 10 Musical will continue in rehearsal mode and a decision on performances will be made closer to the date.

**4. Tours and Open Day:**

Imminent tours of the Castlecrag and Middle Cove campuses and the MC March 20<sup>th</sup> Open Day (Friday week) will run but in a more contained fashion: there will be no direct contact between visitors and students:

- Visitors will be escorted around the grounds but will not enter classrooms
- there will not be any student hosts
- visitor communication will include a precaution to not come if any illness symptoms.

**5. Isolation procedures at school:**

We have now developed procedures for students and staff who become unwell during the school day and will use these as necessary over the coming weeks. Please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date so that we can contact you if needed.

**6. Contractors:**











We have also advised all contractors who service Glennaeon of our strict entry requirements regarding symptoms, travel or contact with a suspected case.

**7. Symptoms:**

If your child shows any of the following symptoms, he/she should not attend School: fever, flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue and/or shortness of breath. Please also be reminded that your child should not attend school if they are feeling unwell in accordance with normal school procedures.

## 8. Your Health –

The following symptom list from the WHO may be helpful:

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>
 Fever	Common	Rare	Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Please find attached a document from the Australian Government Department of Health that gives some straightforward advice concerning COVID-19.

The school has upgraded the cleaning regime to include numbers of passes of high transit areas each day. Staff and students are asked to maintain the school protocols regarding frequent hand washing, coughs and sneezes, and in high school, no handshakes.

Thank you again for your support.

With best wishes,

Andrew Hill  
Head of School