Whitsunday Anglican School

29 January 2020

Dear Parents

Further to my communication to you on Tuesday 28 January regarding novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), I have received an update late this afternoon that has been provided by the Director General of the Queensland Department of Education to Queensland State schools and the Executive Director of Independent Schools Queensland.
This advice is cited from the Queensland Government's website relating to novel coronavirus. The information is cited below for your reference.

> ***Additional advice for anyone who has travelled to China in the past 14 days***
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> *All travellers:*
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> - *Contacts of any confirmed novel coronavirus case must self-isolate for 14 days following exposure.*
> - *Returned travellers who have visited Hubei Province of China need to self-isolate for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province.*
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> *Childcare, school and TAFE students:*
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> - *Returned travellers who have visited China or Hong Kong, should not attend school, childcare or TAFE for 14 days after leaving China or Hong Kong.*
> - *This includes students, teachers and anyone who works or attends these facilities.*
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> *Self-isolation means staying at home and not accepting visitors.*
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> *This is a precautionary measure following brand new advice around the timeframe that people may be contagious before showing symptoms.*
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> *Anyone with the below symptoms who has travelled to or through China in the past 14 days should visit a GP immediately:*
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> - *Fever*
> - *Flu-like symptoms such as a cough, sore throat or headache*
> - *Difficulty breathing.*
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> *Please call ahead and advise of your symptoms and recent travel before your appointment so the clinic can take necessary precautions. (Queensland Government, 29 January 2020).*

Given this, the School advises that if you fall into any of the above categories, that you take the appropriate action and follow the above advice.

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Should you fall into any of the above categories, please advise the School nurse, Mrs Jessica Nikolsky on 07 4969 2005 or jnk@was.qld.edu.au .

Prior to returning to School, students will need to provide a Doctor's certificate to the School nurse, Mrs Jessica Nikolsky, and be screened by her, before they can commence School.
I encourage you to regularly check the official websites of the Australian and Queensland Government Departments of Health:

- http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/838/novel-coronavirus
- https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-novel-coronavirus.htm

Thank you for your vigilance and cooperation during this time as we navigate this situation in our communities and School.

With kind regards

Andrew Wheaton
Principal