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Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the school's current position in relation to COVID-19 Coronavirus. The Department of Education are sending updates daily and continue to monitor developments, considering carefully the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak in China, Iran, Italy and now in other parts of the world. We will continue to take precautionary measures, and be guided by advice from NSW Health and NSW Department of Education. I want to ensure parents at this time our highest priority is the wellbeing of each of our students.

Following advice from the Department of Education a phased social distancing strategy will be implemented from today, Monday 16 March. All School assemblies will be put on hold until further notice, which includes our Tuesday assembly and Thursday year meetings. All school excursions outside of our local community will be cancelled until further notice. This includes all major Arts, Sports and Initiative activities. In the case of an excursion or event that has been paid for and does not get rescheduled a refund can be organised.

I ask that all parents and caregivers pay close attention to their child's health and if your son or daughter exhibits any flu-like symptoms, and as you would normally, I would ask that they stay at home until they are feeling better and the symptoms have passed and, where appropriate seek advice from a medical practitioner.

If you reside or have been in direct contact with someone being tested for COVID-19, please notify the school through an email or by calling our helpful front office staff. If you receive instruction from NSW Health to self-isolate, this should also be communicated to the school as soon as possible.

The advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health states that the best way to protect yourself and members of your family is to practice good hygiene. Please ensure that you are familiar with the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health.

Updated international travel restrictions on 15 March, the Government put in place new measures for people arriving to Australia. Individuals must self-isolate for a period of 14 days on arrival to Australia, including returning citizens and residents. Our school currently has measures in place to support students required to self-isolate through digital and web based platforms.

For regular updates on the Department of Education's response to Covid-19 please visit the website education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus.html

Thank you