



VILLANOVA COLLEGE

15 March 2020

Dear Parents

Due to the unfolding events surrounding the Novel Coronavirus COVID 19 I am writing to provide you with an update regarding our response at Villanova College.

Last week the World Health Organisation officially declared COVID 19 to be a global pandemic. In order to ensure Villanova College has an informed and comprehensive response, we are briefed by Queensland Health, Education Queensland and supported by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

In order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community as our major priority, we will be implementing the following precautionary measures at a school level:

- We are continuing to raise awareness about good hygiene across the community. Visible signage about correct handwashing has been placed in all public spaces throughout the College. Additional resources have been deployed in areas of the College including hand sanitiser dispensers and additional cleaning of facilities including wiping down surfaces. All toilets in the College have soap dispensers and paper towels.
- We ask that all students bring their own water bottle to school to assist us. Students need to refill their water bottle from the chilled bubblers around the College at appropriate times during the school day.
- If your child is displaying any flu-like symptoms i.e sore throat, runny or blocked nose, sneezing, fever, chills, headache etc you are requested to keep your child at home and if the symptoms do not ease please seek medical advice.
- If a student presents to the College and displays flu-like symptoms they will be isolated from the rest of the students and you will be contacted to collect your child from the College.
- All students will be required to take their textbooks and study materials home on Monday from their lockers and to bring all necessary materials for classes each day from home. Students are to take their laptop home each night.
- If the decision is made to temporarily close the College, we will inform all parents via email or SMS message. It is imperative that all parents ensure that contact details are up to date in [Parent Lounge](#).
- The College is well placed with online learning platforms, Moodle and OneNote to ensure the continuity of learning in the case of a temporary closure of the College. Our staff will be briefed over the next twenty-four hours about the management plan in place to deal with the possible closure of schools for a short or extended period of time.



- The College Leadership Team has made the decision not to hold Whole of College Assemblies until further notice. All communications to the student body will be through Year Group meetings. In addition, the College will review all non-essential school events and activities scheduled for the remainder of the term and across Term Two. Communication regarding future events will be provided to families as soon as possible.

Please be assured that the measures above are preventative in nature and the College will be open as normal unless you receive communication from myself advising otherwise.

As the situation with COVID-19 unfolds we appreciate the support of our families in maintaining a calm and healthy school environment. Please continue to engage with the Queensland Health - health.qld.gov.au website for updates and relevant information.

Once again, I would like to highlight the College will be open on Monday 16 March 2020 unless you receive further communication from myself.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Stower
College Principal

