



VILLANOVA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

The Catholic education sector is working very closely with the Queensland and Australian Governments to ensure Catholic schools appropriately plan and manage the emerging issues associated with COVID-19.

Catholic schools have as their top priority the wellbeing of students and staff. This will continue to guide our decision making along with the advice received regularly from the Australian and State Governments and the Chief Health Officer.

Any impacts on schools will be managed in line with the advice and directions provided by relevant authorities.

We will work with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) to ensure impacts on students are managed in the most effective way.

The Australian Government has updated its travel advice.

There are now travel restrictions for travellers from mainland China, Iran and the Republic of Korea (and additional screening for Italy), as follows:

- If you are returning from mainland China or Iran, you should isolate yourself for 14 days after leaving mainland China or Iran.
- If you are travelling from the Republic of Korea, on or after 5 March, you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the time you left the Republic of Korea.
- If you are arriving in Australia from Italy, you must present for health screening at the border as directed.
- If you are returning from Italy, you do not need to isolate yourself, but you cannot attend work for 14 days if you work as a healthcare worker or as a residential aged care worker.
- If you have been in close contact with a proven case of coronavirus, you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

For more information refer to the Queensland Health website:

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/838/novel-coronavirus>.

As you can see from above the advice to schools is rapidly changing and Villanova College is formulating a Management and Crisis Plan to deal with the issues associated with COVID-19.



If you are planning travel over the upcoming Easter holidays, please be aware of the above travel restrictions and the implications for you and your family. It is important that families remain aware of the emerging issues and the travel restrictions that are being in place to help isolate the spread of the disease.

I thank you for your co-operation and I will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours sincerely

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College Principal

