

Coronavirus Update – Friday 20th March

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

As we finish off the first week of an unprecedented global event with COVID-19, I firstly want to thank you most sincerely for all that you have done to keep yourselves, your children and the staff safe.

From the College Leadership Team to each of you - THANK YOU! We appreciate all that you do!

Our College is aware that, with a local economy heavily dependent on tourism and travel as well as international education, there are already significant local economic impacts. If your family is suffering financial distress as a result, I strongly encourage you to discuss this with me or Lucy Royes, our College Business Manager. Our College will continue to provide support, including fee relief for families in genuine financial distress.

NEW INFO

1. **Parent Teacher Interviews** for Tuesday 31st March have been postponed. We will make a call for the Wednesday 22nd April interviews before the end of this term.
2. **NAPLAN** for all students has been cancelled for 2020. This includes the Online Co-ordinated Practice Test scheduled for next week.
3. **The St Vincent DePaul Collection Bin** between the College and Fr Dave's Community Centre have been removed and will not be replaced until the virus threat has ceased.
4. **Two info docs attached** – “How to talk to your child about COVID-19” and “What to do when you're anxious about a pandemic” may be of some use for you and your family!
5. The [worldometer](#) website has lots of real time world data (you can click on “view by country” to see Australian data). In all the information from every affected country, the data, while showing the human tragedy with the numbers infected and who have died, also gives a balanced look with the numbers on those who have recovered, which, strangely, is a source of hope too.

REMINDERS

1. **Junior Campus birthday treats** must be individually wrapped if they're to be shared with Junior Campus classes e.g. ice blocks, Zooper Doopers. Cakes or cupcakes will not be shared.
2. **Junior Campus 'Student of the Week' awards** from Weeks 7&8 will be presented on Wednesday 25 March at 2:20pm in the shelter shed. Only the award recipients from each class will attend. An invitation will be extended to parents to attend if their child is receiving an award.
3. **Music Ensembles** on both campuses are cancelled (choir, band, guitar, strings, etc)
4. **All sport competitions** and all sports training have been cancelled.
5. If students are feeling unwell and have flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, etc), they are to stay at home. If it develops during the day they will be sent home.

Regards,

David McNeale (College Principal)