

Coronavirus Update – Monday 23rd March

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Firstly, as you would be aware of by now, I was advised today that the parent of one of our students has tested positive for COVID-19. I can reassure you that this parent and their child have not attended school since returning from overseas travel and therefore there is not any risk to anyone in our school community from this situation. There is no need to take any other action at this stage.

I reiterate that there is no risk to students or staff at our College from this particular case. I am informing you as a courtesy and am not able to provide any further details to ensure that I respect the privacy of the family involved.

Secondly, we have 20-25% of our students absent across the College. With such a large volume of students away present it is not possible for teachers to presently be supplying work for those individuals whilst at the same time teaching their classes and preparing for the probability of an online environment.

I have asked teachers to prioritise their teaching of students in their classes at school and then preparation for an online environment. If they are able to provide work for your child at home they may do so at their discretion. Please understand that we are doing the best that we can in this very difficult, ever-changing scenario!

NEW INFO

1. **Secondary classes where safety glasses are worn** (science, technology, etc) will no longer share or loan these glasses. All students in Yrs 7-10 should have them as issued. Students who do not have their own safety glasses will not be permitted to perform any science experiments or practical work in other subjects (that require this PPE).
2. Although this article is now a week old it is still worth a read - [Should I keep my children home from school due to coronavirus?](https://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-16/should-i-keep-my-children-home-from-school-due-to-coronavirus/12058200?pfmredir=sm)
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3. The **revised Isolation Chart** is now attached for your information.
4. **Social Distancing** will be further reinforced across both campuses. Please talk with you child about this and why it is important. Additionally, practice this yourself when in the school grounds to set the example with us.

REMINDERS

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. **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.

4. 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)